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ADDIE WEEKS

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Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1886]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1886) granting an increase of compensation to Addie Weeks, having considered the same, report it back to the Senate and recommend that the bill do not pass.

The report of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is as follows (no additional evidence having been submitted to the committee):

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, January 8, 1932.

Hon. REED SMOOT,
Chairman Committee on Finance, United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: This is in reply to your letter of December 29, 1931, with which you forwarded for report a copy of S. 1886, Seventy-second Congress, "A bill granting an increase of compensation to Addie Weeks."

The bill proposes to authorize the payment of death compensation at the rate of \$50 per month to Addie Weeks, widow of Robert L. Weeks, XC-656827, former major, retired, United States Army, until her death or remarriage, in lieu of the compensation she is now receiving.

An examination of the file in this case discloses that Mrs. Weeks is now receiving death compensation benefits at the rate of \$30 per month as the widow of Robert L. Weeks, former major, retired, United States Army, who died on February 26, 1926, from chronic (infectious) myocarditis which was held to be connected with his military service during the World War. The amount of compensation which Mrs. Weeks is receiving is that authorized by the provisions of section 201 of the World War veterans' act, as amended.

It does not appear that the claim in this instance has any greater merit than the many others wherein the widow is receiving compensation under section 201 of the World War veterans' act by reason of the fact that her husband died of a disability incurred in the World War.

It is, as you know, against the policy of the Veterans' Administration to recommend special legislation except where administrative error or legal technicality has worked detriment or disadvantage to the person in whose favor legislation is sought.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, Administrator.

