

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
TO GRANT EASEMENTS IN CERTAIN LANDS TO THE TOWN OF
BEDFORD, MASS., FOR ROAD-WIDENING PURPOSES

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Mr. CLARK of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, submitted
the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5305]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5305) authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant easements in certain lands to the town of Bedford, Mass., for road-widening purposes, having considered the same, report back to the Senate without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is fully explained in a letter addressed to the President of the Senate by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

[H. Rept. No. 1159, 77th Cong., 1st sess.]

The Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5305) proposing to authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant easements in certain lands to the town of Bedford, Mass., for road-widening purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, with the recommendation that the bill be passed without amendment.

ENDORSEMENT OF BILL

This bill has the endorsement of the Veterans' Administration and the Bureau of the Budget.

PURPOSE OF BILL

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant easements in certain lands to the town of Bedford, Mass., for road-widening purposes.

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The report of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs addressed to the Speaker of the House, which report was referred to the chairman of the Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation is self-explanatory and is as follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, July 9, 1941.

HON. SAM RAYBURN,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: There is transmitted herewith a draft of a bill authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant easements in certain lands to the town of Bedford, Mass., for road-widening purposes, with the request that it be referred to the appropriate committee of the House of Representatives, in order that it may be introduced and enacted into law. There is also enclosed a black-and-white print showing the location of the land described in the draft bill.

The authorities of the town of Bedford desire to widen and improve the road that forms a portion of the southern boundary of the Veterans' Administration facility reservation and they have, accordingly, submitted a request for the right to use a small area (less than a quarter of an acre) of the Government property. In the opinion of the Veterans' Administration the proposed improvement of the road will enhance the value of the land fronting on the road; it will provide a shorter and more direct route from the facility to Lowell, and it will tend to reduce the amount of traffic on the county highway which runs through the reservation.

The land in question has been leased to the town of Bedford pending the enactment of legislation authorizing the granting of easement.

This proposal has been cleared for disposition as proposed, submission having been made to the Administrator, Federal Works Agency, pursuant to the provisions of the real-estate section of the regulations governing the operation of the Branch of Supply, Procurement Division, Treasury Department, approved by the President April 12, 1935. Information has been received from the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection to the presentation to the Congress of this proposed legislation.

Respectfully,

FRANK T. HINES, *Administrator.*

