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## CLARIFYING THE TERMS "COMPENSATION" AND "PENSION" UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

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Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado, from the Committee on Finance, submitted  
the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 1578

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1578) to clarify the terms "compensation" and "pension" under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, with an amendment, and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

Page 1, beginning on line 6, after the word "and", strike the remainder of line 6, strike line 7 through the word "designated", and substitute in lieu thereof the word "not".

The report from the Veterans' Administration on this bill is self-explanatory and is as follows:

MAY 28, 1946.

HON. WALTER F. GEORGE,  
*Chairman, Committee on Finance,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR GEORGE: Further reference is made to your request for a report on S. 1578, Seventy-ninth Congress, a bill to clarify the terms "compensation" and "pension" under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration.

The purpose of the bill is to provide that under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, monetary benefits, other than retirement pay, for service-connected disability or death shall be designated "compensation" and for non-service-connected disability or death shall be designated "pension." The bill would repeal section 33 of Public Law 141, Seventy-third Congress, which presently provides that service-connected money benefits payable to World War I veterans under that act and Public Law 2, Seventy-third Congress, shall be entitled "compensation" and not "pension."

The bill, if enacted, would provide a uniform terminology for service-connected monetary benefits payable under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration and would not involve any cost.

It is suggested that in the interest of clarity section 1 of the proposed bill be amended to read: "That under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, monetary benefits, other than retirement pay, for service-connected

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disability or death, shall be designated 'compensation' and not 'pension.' " It is assumed that the Congress will wish to include in the terms "compensation" and "pension" only these benefits which are now designated by one or the other of these terms, and it is believed that if the bill were amended as suggested there would be no question as to whether monetary benefits for such purposes as insurance, subsistence allowance, and burial benefits were to be included within the terms of the legislation.

The Veterans' Administration recommends favorable consideration of the measure, if amended as suggested.

Advice has been received from the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection by that office to the submission of this report to your committee.

Very truly yours,

OMAR N. BRADLEY,  
*General, United States Army,*  
*Administrator.*

