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GRANTING DISABILITY ALLOWANCE TO HARVEY WILSON

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 1835]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1835) granting disability allowance to Harvey Wilson, having considered the same report it back to the Senate and recommend that the bill do not pass.

The report of the Veterans' Administration is as follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, January 13, 1932.

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

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: This is in reply to your communication of December 29, 1931, with which you forwarded for report a copy of S. 1835, Seventy-second Congress, "A bill granting disability allowance to Harvey Wilson."

The records of this office show that Harvey Wilson enlisted December 14, 1919, and was discharged November 23, 1922, as a private, first class, One hundred and ninety-fourth Company, Coast Artillery Corps.

While in service, he was treated for catarrhal otitis media. When examined at the United States Veterans' Bureau on December 9, 1929, there was no evidence of this service incurred disability. However, the examination at that time disclosed that he was suffering from astigmatism, enteroptosis, and diabetes mellitus, none of which disabilities were shown to have been incurred in service. It was necessary to disallow his claim for disability allowance under section 200 of the World War veterans' act, as amended July 3, 1930, for the reason that he enlisted after November 11, 1918.

According to the provisions of this bill, it is proposed to pay Harvey Wilson disability allowance in the amount of \$40 per month in the same manner as if he had served for 90 days in an enlistment beginning prior to November 11, 1918.

It does not appear from the facts of record in this office that his claim presents greater merit than the many others that have been disallowed for the reason that they did not comply with the provisions of the law.

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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.

It is believed that the committee will be able to determine from the above report the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES,
Administrator.

