

INCREASING AMOUNT PAYABLE FOR CERTAIN SHIPPING CHARGES

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 5757]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5757) to increase the maximum amount payable by the Veterans' Administration for mailing or shipping charges of personal property left by any deceased veteran on Veterans' Administration property, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill is to increase from \$10 to \$25 the maximum amount that may be paid by the Veterans' Administration for mailing or shipping charges of personal property left by any deceased veteran on Veterans' Administration property.

Since the present limitation of \$10 was established nearly 20 years ago, increases in shipping rates have increased in a range from 219 to 270 percent.

The forwarding of personal property of a deceased veteran to the person entitled to receive such property is regarded as a necessary service to benefits furnished the veteran and his family during his last illness and upon his death in a Veterans' Administration hospital or domiciliary.

The Veterans' Administration in advocating enactment of this legislation estimated the annual cost would be not more than \$500.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection 4 of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italics; existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

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SECTION 1907 OF PUBLIC LAW 85-56

PAYMENT OF SMALL SHIPPING CHARGES

Sec. 1907. Upon receipt of a proper claim for such property under the provisions of this part the Administrator is hereby authorized, in his discretion and in accordance with regulations by him promulgated; to pay mailing or shipping charges not to exceed **[\$10]** \$25 in the case of each deceased veteran as hereinabove defined.

