

MEDAL OF HONOR PENSION

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Mr. TEAGUE of Texas, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2434]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2434) entitled "An act to amend section 560 of title 38, United States Code, to permit the payment of special pension to holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded such medal for actions not involving conflict with an enemy, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same.

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Managers on the Part of the House.

HARRY F. BYRD,
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GEORGE SMATHERS,
JOHN WILLIAMS,
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Managers on the Part of the Senate.

STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2434) entitled "An act to amend section 560 of title 38, United States Code, to permit the payment of special pension to holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded such medal for actions not involving conflict with an enemy, and for other purposes," submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

Prior to the enactment of Public Law 87-138 there had been a 65-year age limitation on the payment of a \$10 a month pension to holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

With the enactment of Public Law 87-138 the pension was increased to \$100 and the age limitation was reduced to 50. The bill which became Public Law 87-138, namely, H.R. 845, of the 87th Congress, had no age requirement in the form which it passed the House. The Senate inserted the 50-year requirement and this requirement was accepted by the House in order to get the legislation providing for a pension increase on the statute books.

In the 88th Congress when H.R. 2434 was passed by the House, there was no age limitation and in addition to making 17 peacetime holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor eligible for the pension, it would have removed the 50-year age requirement. The Senate accepted the 17 peacetime holders but rejected the change in the 50-year limitation and returned the measure to the House. The House accepted the Senate amendment with an amendment setting the age limitation at 40 years. The Senate rejected this proposed compromise and asked for a conference.

The Senate in conference agreed to the 40-year limitation proposed by the House as a compromise.

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