

PERMITTING WAR DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER OLD HORSES AND MULES TO THE CARE OF REPUTABLE HUMANE ORGANIZATIONS

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5485]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5485) permitting the War Department to transfer old horses and mules to the care of reputable humane organizations, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill extends the existing authority of the Secretary of War relative to disposition of unfit horses and mules to include the putting of these animals out to pasture on pastures belonging to financially sound and reputable humane organizations whose facilities permit them to care for them during the remainder of their natural life, at no cost to the Government. No appropriations are involved.

As indicated in the attached communication addressed to the Chairman of the Committee by the Secretary of War, the War Department interposes no objection to the enactment of this legislation.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, May 12, 1939.

Hon. PAT HARRISON,
Chairman Committee on Finance, United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR HARRISON: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 4, 1939, transmitting H. R. 5485, Seventy-sixth Congress, first session, an act "Permitting the War Department to transfer old horses and mules to the care of reputable humane organizations," in which you request information and the views of the War Department relative thereto.

This legislation amends the act of June 15, 1938, Public, No. 627, Seventy-fifth Congress.

The legal effect of this proposed legislation, as far as it pertains to the War Department, will be to extend the existing authority of the Secretary of War

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relative disposition of unfit horses and mules to include the putting of these animals out to pasture on pastures "belonging to financially sound and reputable humane organizations whose facilities permit them to care for them during the remainder of their natural life at no cost to the Government."

No appropriations for support of the Military Establishment will be involved:

The enactment of this legislation will provide an additional outlet for the disposition of horses and mules unfit for service, and the War Department is aware of no objections to enactment.

For the above reasons the War Department interposes no objection to enactment of this legislation.

A similar report on the same proposed legislation, addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments of the House of Representatives, was submitted to the Bureau of the Budget which advised there would be no objection to its submission to that committee.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY H. WOODRING,
Secretary of War.

