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RELIEF OF COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE— LOSS OF DOCUMENTARY STAMPS.

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Mr. JONES of New Mexico, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4271.]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (S. 4271) for the relief of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue on account of the loss of a sheet of 100 \$50 documentary stamps, to the value of \$5,000, believed to have been stolen from the stamp vaults of his office during the month of January, 1915, having had same under consideration, beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

We find that every possible effort was made to trace the missing stamps, but without success. Mr. D. J. Gantt, chief clerk of the Office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and Mr. George F. Foster, of the Secret Service, both made investigation as to the manner of counting, handling, and shipment of such stamps in the effort to locate the missing sheet. Neither were successful. Steps were taken to prevent any monetary loss to the Government on account of the theft of these stamps by recalling all \$50 documentary stamps and issuing in lieu thereof \$30 and \$20 stamps. Should a \$50 stamp make its appearance it would be immediately confiscated by the Government. Steps were also taken to safeguard the possible loss of further stamps. In view of the above circumstances and the fact that the Government will suffer no financial loss by the passage of this bill, we have recommended its passage, which recommendation is concurred in by the Treasury Department.