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TIMOTHY HANLON

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8423]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8423) for the relief of Timothy Hanlon, having had the same under consideration, report it back to the Senate without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

Following is a copy of letter from the Veterans' Bureau reporting on the merits of the bill:

JANUARY 7, 1929.

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

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: I have the honor to invite the attention of the committee to H. R. 8423, a bill for the relief of Timothy Hanlon, which passed the House of Representatives on March 30, 1928, and is now pending before your committee.

This bill proposes to pay to Timothy Hanlon, the sum of \$28.50 for services rendered in connection with the funeral and burial of Raymond F. Poore, C-541245, deceased, who died at the United States Veterans' Hospital No. 60, Oteen, N. C., on August 8, 1924. His body was transported to Washington, D. C., for burial, where, upon arrival on August 11, 1924, inspection was made by officials of the bureau at the undertaking establishment of Mr. Hanlon, and it was discovered that the casket was not up to the standard required by the bureau. Mr. Hanlon was authorized by the bureau to reupholster the casket at a cost not to exceed \$25. A bill for services in the amount of \$53.50 was submitted by Mr. Hanlon, covering the cost of hearse, limousines, removal from express office to chapel and from chapel to home, and payment effected by the central office of the bureau in the amount of \$50, \$3.50 having been suspended for the reason that the remainder of the Government burial allowance available, to wit, \$50, had been applied in payment of the initial burial services by Noland-Brown Co., at Asheville, N. C. A supplement claim in the amount of \$25 was also presented by Mr. Hanlon for services rendered in reupholstering the casket. This claim was forwarded to the General Accounting Office for direct settlement and was disallowed under date of May 11, 1925, because of the fact that the maximum burial allowance of \$100 had been expended in the case.

The Comptroller General suggested that appropriate refund of \$25 be obtained from the Noland-Brown Co., Asheville, N. C., who had furnished the casket in the first instance, stating that when such refund had been effected, consideration would be given to the claim of Mr. Hanlon. The Noland-Brown Co. refused to make a refund, and having no existing contract for funeral services with the bureau, it was impossible to make a deduction from any other funds that might become due and payable to that company.

There is, therefore, no way in which Mr. Hanlon can be reimbursed under the law for the expense he incurred in reupholstering the casket of this claimant and performing other services in connection with the burial and funeral, notwithstanding the fact that such expense was incurred and services rendered at the request of this bureau.

I am very much interested in this bill and take occasion to recommend it to the favorable consideration of the committee with the request that it be reported favorably at the earliest possible date in order that its enactment at the present session may, if possible, be accomplished.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, *Director.*

The House report on the bill follows:

[House Report No. 859, Seventieth Congress, first session]

The Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8423) for the relief of Timothy Hanlon, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

This bill has the recommendation of the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, as more clearly appears from the annexed communication.

DECEMBER 14, 1927.

Hon. ROYAL C. JOHNSON,

*Chairman Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. JOHNSON: I have the honor to invite the attention of the committee to the attached draft of a bill for the relief of Timothy Hanlon, under which it is proposed to pay to Mr. Hanlon the sum of \$28.50 for service rendered in connection with the funeral and burial of Raymond F. Poore, deceased, C-541245, who died at United States Veterans' Hospital No. 60, Oteen, N. C., on August 8, 1924. His body was transported to Washington, D. C., for burial, where, upon arrival on August 11, 1924, inspection was made by officials of the bureau at the undertaking establishment of Mr. Hanlon, and it was discovered that the casket was not up to the standard required by the bureau. Mr. Hanlon was authorized by the bureau to reupholster the casket at a cost not to exceed \$25. A bill for services in the amount of \$53.50 was submitted by Mr. Hanlon, covering the cost of hearse, limousines, removal from express office to chapel and from chapel to home, and payment effected by the central office of the bureau in the amount of \$50, \$3.50 having been suspended for the reason that the remainder of the Government burial allowance available, to wit, \$50, had been applied in payment of the initial burial services by Noland-Brown Co., at Asheville, N. C. A supplemental claim in the amount of \$25 was also presented by Mr. Hanlon for services rendered in reupholstering the casket. This claim was forwarded to the General Accounting Office for direct settlement and was disallowed under date of May 11, 1925, because of the fact that the maximum burial allowance of \$100 had been expended in the case.

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This matter is respectfully recommended to the favorable consideration of the Congress.

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