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## TRANSFER OF LAND, VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION FACILITY, ROANOKE, VA.

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

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 1421]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1421) to authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to transfer by quit-claim deed to the Norfolk & Western Railway Co. a small piece of land at Veterans' Administration Facility, Roanoke, Va., having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is fully explained in a letter addressed to the President of the Senate by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington, April 10, 1941.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,  
The Capitol, Washington, D. C.

SIR: There is transmitted herewith a draft of a bill to authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to transfer by quitclaim deed to the Norfolk & Western Railway Co. a small piece of land at Veterans' Administration facility, Roanoke, Va., with the request that it be referred to the appropriate committee of the United States Senate, in order that it may be introduced and enacted into law.

The land here in question is now used by the railway company under a revocable permit granted by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and it is now desired to transfer it by quitclaim deed. The railway company is expanding its yards in Roanoke, which is to be made a central classification point principally for the transportation of coal. The coal trains coming from the mines of West Virginia, Kentucky, and Virginia will be reclassified, trains consolidated and sent direct to the seaboard from this point, which gives the project what might be termed a quasi national defense position.

The reservation at Roanoke, including improvements, cost approximately \$150 an acre. The consideration, \$100, which the railway company has offered for the two-tenths acre of land here in question is considered adequate.

A blueprint is also enclosed, showing the location of the land described in the draft bill.

This proposal has been cleared for disposition as proposed, submission having been made to the Administrator, Federal Works Agency, pursuant to the provisions of the real-estate section of the regulations governing the operation of the Branch of Supply, Procurement Division, Treasury Department, approved by the President April 12, 1935. Information has been received from the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection to the presentation to the Congress of this proposed legislation.

Respectfully,

FRANK T HINES, *Administrator.*

