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## UNITED STATES VETERANS' HOSPITAL NO. 42 PERRY POINT, MD.

FEBRUARY 15 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 18), 1929.—Ordered to be printed

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

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8223]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8223) to authorize the sale of certain buildings at United States Veterans' Hospital No. 42, Perry Point, Md., having had the same under consideration, report it back to the Senate without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

Following is a report received from the Veterans' Bureau on the merits of the bill:

JANUARY 9, 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. 8223, a bill to authorize the sale of certain buildings at United States Veterans' Hospital No. 42, Perry Point, Md., which passed the House of Representatives on March 19, 1928, and is now pending before your committee.

The bill proposes that the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau be authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of 57 frame buildings, 2-story frame kitchen and mess building, and seven 2-story frame dormitory buildings situated on the reservation of the United States Veterans' Hospital at Perry Point, Md., which are unsuitable to the use of the bureau in the hospitalization of its beneficiaries and have been declared surplus. Apart from these 57 frame dwellings there are sufficient other buildings of the same character to meet all personnel housing requirements. The kitchen and mess building is obsolete and not needed in the administration of the hospital. Inasmuch as it is necessary to properly maintain the surplus buildings, irrespective of whether they are occupied or vacant, considerable expense is entailed in the upkeep thereof. The bureau is therefore very desirous of disposing of them.

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. 856, Seventieth Congress, first session)

The Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8223) to authorize the sale of certain buildings at United States Veterans' Hospital No. 42, Perry Point, Md., having considered the same, report favorably thereon, and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

This bill authorizes the sale of certain buildings now situated on the reservation of the United States veterans' hospital, Perry Point, Md., which are unsuitable for the use of the bureau in the hospitalization of its beneficiaries and have been declared surplus.

The enactment of this legislation is recommended by the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, as is more clearly set out in the annexed communication.

DECEMBER 15, 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 bring to the attention of the committee the fact that there are at present situated on the reservation of the United States veterans' hospital at Perry Point, Md., 57 frame dwellings, 1 two-story frame kitchen and mess building, and 7 two-story frame dormitory buildings, which are unsuitable to the use of the bureau in the hospitalization of its beneficiaries and have been declared surplus. Apart from these 57 frame dwellings there are sufficient other buildings of the same character to meet all personnel housing requirements. The kitchen and mess building is obsolete and not needed in the administration of the hospital. Inasmuch as it is necessary to properly maintain the surplus buildings, irrespective of whether they are occupied or vacant, considerable expense is entailed in the upkeep thereof. The bureau is therefore very desirous of disposing of them.

There is transmitted herewith draft of a proposed bill authorizing the bureau to sell or otherwise dispose of these surplus buildings and to cover the proceeds such sale into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts. There is also inclosed for the information of the committee photostat of the plot plan of this reservation indicating in red the 57 dwellings and in yellow the 7 dormitory buildings and the obsolete kitchen and mess hall. This bill is recommended to the favorable consideration of the Congress.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, *Director.*