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WILLIAM D. BARBEE

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

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1836]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1836) for the relief of William D. Barbee, having considered the same, report it back to the Senate and recommend that the bill do not pass:

No facts furnished upon behalf of claimant.

The report of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is as follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, January 12, 1932.

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

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: This is in reply to your letter dated December 29, 1931, requesting a report concerning S. 1836, a bill for the relief of William D. Barbee.

There is no record in this administration of any claim having been filed by the veteran for emergency officers' retirement pay. Neither is there any record of the veteran having filed claim for compensation or treatment under the World War veterans' act.

Your attention is invited to the fact that many cases have been disallowed for failure to comply with the provisions of the emergency officers' retirement act with reference to the date of filing claim and the requisite of a service-connected disability of a permanent nature to the degree required for retirement purposes. It is, as you know, against the policy of the Veterans' Administration to recommend special legislation, except where administrative error or legal technicality has worked detriment or disadvantage to the person in whose favor legislation is sought.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, Administrator.

