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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MAY 20, 1890.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. TURPIE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7577.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7577) granting a pension to William H. Chapman, a soldier of the Indian war of 1837 and 1838, have examined the same and report:

That from the facts stated in the House report, which is hereto attached and made a part hereof, we believe this to be a meritorious measure and do recommend the passage of the bill.

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[House Report No. 862, Fifty-first Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7577) granting a pension to William H. Chapman, have considered the same and report:

The claimant was a sergeant in Captain Cariton's (subsequently Black's) company of Georgia Militia, Florida Indian war, and served from February 18, 1836, to May 15, 1836. He declares that by reason of exposure in said service he contracted rheumatism and he filed an application for pension on account of said disability, but owing to the length of time that had elapsed since said service he was unable to secure sufficient evidence to meet the requirements of the Pension Bureau and the claim was rejected July 27, 1889.

John G. Christian testifies that he served with the claimant in the Florida war and knows that he contracted rheumatism while in said service.

Other witnesses swear that they have been acquainted with the claimant from thirty to fifty years and know that he has been complaining of rheumatism during that time.

The claimant is eighty years old, badly disabled by rheumatism, and poor. His excellent character is shown by the testimony of prominent people who have known him for years.

There are many precedents for the allowance of pensions to the aged and dependent survivors of the old Indian wars, and your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.