

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 16, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany bill H. R. 12071.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12071) granting a pension to Catherine McRoberts, have examined the same, and report:

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

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12071) granting a pension to Catherine McRoberts, have considered the same and respectfully submit the following report:

The claimant's late husband, James McRoberts, was a private in Capt. Lemuel Ford's company, United States Mounted Rangers, and served from July 5, 1832, to July 5, 1833, in the Black Hawk war. The soldier's certificate of discharge and other papers are on file with his bounty-land claims at the Pension Bureau.

The claimant states in her petition for relief that her husband died in Polk County, Iowa, on or about June 20, 1862, and that she has not since remarried. She further states that by reason of disease and the infirmities of age (72 years) she is unable to perform any manual labor by which to support herself, and that she is without means, but is dependent upon others not legally bound to her support.

The claimant's statements are fully substantiated by the testimony of Oliver P. Rowles and Louisa Rowles, citizens of Monroe County, Iowa. Her identity as the widow of James McRoberts is further shown by the certificate of a notary public, before whom her petition was executed, he having known her for many years. Mrs. McRoberts's post-office address is Carlisle, Warren County, Iowa.

There have been many instances of the granting of pensions by Congress to the soldiers and widows of soldiers of the old Indian wars, and your committee therefore return the bill with a favorable recommendation.

Amend by striking out the word "twenty," in line 7, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twelve;" also by changing the description of the organization in which the soldier served to "Lemuel Ford's company, United States Mounted Rangers."