

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 19, 1863.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. POMEROY submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. No. 546.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Margaret L. Stevens, widow of the late Brigadier General Isaac I. Stevens, praying a pension, report:*

That General Stevens graduated at West Point with the highest honors of his class; that he served in the Mexican war, and was twice brevetted for gallant and meritorious conduct; that he was afterwards governor of Washington Territory, and performed valuable services in making treaties with the Indians, and in repressing the Indian wars; that after very efficient and valuable services from the commencement of the rebellion, he was killed at the battle of Chantilly on the first day of September, 1862, in the act of bearing the colors and successfully rallying the regiment in advance, thus preventing the enemy from cutting off the retreat of the army of the Potomac.

It further appears that he left his widow, with three young daughters, wholly unprovided for. In view of the necessities of his family, and that the limited pension provided by law will not make adequate provision for their support, and in consideration of the gallant and meritorious services of General Stevens, the committee think the petitioner should have the relief for which she asks, and they accordingly report the accompanying bill.

