

HENRY B. CONWAY.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2177.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2177) granting an increase of pension to Henry B. Conway, have considered the same and report as follows:

Said bill is accompanied by Senate Report No. 1255, this session, and the same fully stating the facts is adopted by your committee as their report, and the bill is returned with a favorable recommendation.

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[Senate Report No. 1255, Fifty-fourth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2177) granting an increase of pension to Henry B. Conway, have examined the same and report:

The claimant, as shown by the records on file in his case, served in the Mexican war from June 22, 1847, to July 20, 1848. He was pensioned March 6, 1888, at the rate of \$8 per month, under the provisions of the Mexican war service-pension act of January 29, 1887, being disabled and dependent. He applied for an increase under the act of January 5, 1893, to \$12 per month, which was granted January 22, 1894. It is shown by medical evidence on file that the claimant is wholly disabled for the performance of manual labor; that he is suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, sciatica, and general debility. There are several affidavits of neighbors of the claimant's on file, substantiating the above facts, and, in addition, that the claimant has no property or income of any kind except his pension, which is insufficient to provide him with the necessaries of life.

Your committee are of the opinion, under these circumstances, that there ought to be an increase of pension in this case, and therefore report the accompanying bill, with the following amendment:

Strike out the word "thirty," in line 7, and insert "twenty;" and as amended recommend the passage of the bill.