

FOR THE RELIEF OF MEMBERS OF THE BAND OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WHO WERE RETIRED PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1922, AND FOR THE RELIEF OF MEMBERS TRANSFERRED TO THE FLEET MARINE CORPS RESERVE

MARCH 18, 1926.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. WOODRUFF, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2058]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2058) for the relief of retired members of the Marine Band, having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to permit members of the Marine Band retired before June 30, 1922, or transferred before that date to the Marine Corps Reserve after 16 or 20 years' service, to base their retired or reserve pay on the pay authorized by the act of March 4, 1925, effective July 1, 1922, for members of the Marine Band on the active list.

These retired and transferred members of the Marine Band are the only enlisted men of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps who have not been allowed to compute their retired or reserve pay on the active-duty pay that became effective July 1, 1922.

The following letter from the Secretary of the Navy addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives on (H. R. 6761) a similar bill sets forth the views and recommendations of the department and is hereby made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
Washington, February 17, 1926.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Replying further to the committee's letter of January 7, 1926, inclosing a bill (H. R. 6761) for the relief of members of the band of the United States Marine Corps who were retired prior to June 30, 1922, and for

the relief of members transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, and requesting the views and recommendations of this department thereon, I have the honor to inform you as follows:

The purpose of this proposed legislation is to grant to members of the band of the United States Marine Corps, including those former members transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, who were retired prior to June 30, 1922, the right to have their retired pay, as the case may be, computed on the rates of pay provided for members of such band in section 11 of the act of Congress approved March 4, 1925 (43 Stat. L., p. 1274).

The bill H. R. 6761 was referred for consideration to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and under date of February 2, 1926, he advised this department that "if this bill be amended so as to provide that the increased pay shall become effective only from the date of the approval of the act, it would not be in conflict with the financial program of the President."

In view of the foregoing, this department recommends that the bill H. R. 6761 be amended by changing the period in line 12 to a colon and adding thereto the following proviso:

"Provided, That the increased pay herein authorized shall become effective only from the date of the approval of this act."

If the bill H. R. 6761 be amended as above suggested, this department recommends its early enactment into law.

Sincerely yours,

CURTIS D. WILBUR, *Secretary of the Navy.*

REPORT

(To accompany H. R. 6761)

The Committee on Naval Affairs to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6761) for the relief of retired members of the Marine Band and for the relief of retired members of the Marine Band who had the same right to retirement pay as is provided for in the act of March 4, 1925, submitted the following report:

The purpose of the bill is to grant to members of the Marine Band retired before June 30, 1922, or to retired members of the Marine Band who were retired after June 30, 1922, the right to have their retired pay computed on the rates of pay provided for members of such band in section 11 of the act of Congress approved March 4, 1925 (43 Stat. L., p. 1274).

These retired and retired members of the Marine Band are the only retired men of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps who have not been allowed to compute their retired pay on the rates of pay provided for members of such band in section 11 of the act of March 4, 1925.

The following letter from the Secretary of the Navy, addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, of the time in consideration of the bill (H. R. 6761), a similar bill with the views and recommendations of the department and a copy of this report:

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON, February 2, 1926.

THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET, Washington, D. C.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 29, 1926, in relation to the bill (H. R. 6761) for the relief of retired members of the Marine Band and for the relief of retired members of the Marine Band who had the same right to retirement pay as is provided for in the act of March 4, 1925, submitted the following report: