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# HENRY T. HILL

FEBRUARY 22, 1926.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. WINTER, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 7134]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7134) entitled "A bill for the relief of Henry T. Hill," having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

The facts are fully set forth in House Report No. 1068, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

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The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9471) entitled "A bill for the relief of Henry T. Hill," having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

The bill provided for the payment of $961 in full compensation for 35 months' back pay, 2 months' extra pay, 3 years' clothing allowance, mileage or travel as per special act of Congress, 1901, and reimbursement for transportation and subsistence money expended for travel from San Francisco, Calif., to Detroit, Mich. Said amounts accrued to the above Pvt. Henry T. Hill for services rendered in the military service of the United States in the Philippine Islands during the late insurrection, 1899–1900.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The evidence reveals that the said Henry T. Hill, while serving in the United States Army during the late insurrection of the Philippine Islands, was placed under arrest and charged with violation of the thirty-ninth article of war, namely, "Sleeping on post," while on duty. That for the above reason he was denied all pay, allowances, reimbursement for transportation money expended from place of discharge to place of enlistment. The evidence further discloses that the arrest was wholly false and erroneous, that the charges preferred against him were without foundation, and that he should have been allowed his full pay and allowances, the same as if he had never been placed under arrest.

In support of this report a part of the report of the House Committee on Military Affairs, which was made upon December 13, 1921, is hereto appended and made a part of this report:

"The committee that has had this case under investigation feels that a great injustice has been done Private Hill; that Congress ought to immediately grant him the relief asked; and we respectfully submit that this bill should pass Congress at the very earliest possible date, because this is the most outrageous and inexcusable verdict that has ever come to the notice of the membership of this committee. It assaults every honest instinct of all who read this record. It is entirely out of harmony with truth and right. This verdict brings disgrace and disrepute upon the military system of our country. This verdict ought not to stand longer as a glaring wrong done an innocent private soldier and citizen of the United States."