

RANDOLPH SIAS

JUNE 15, 1926.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered
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MR. UNDERHILL, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 12694]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12694) for the relief of Randolph Sias, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

The full facts in the case are stated in the following letter of the Attorney General, which is made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C., May 11, 1926.

HON. CHARLES L. UNDERHILL,
*Chairman Committee on Claims,
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I have the honor to inclose herewith a draft of a bill for the relief of Randolph Sias, and to request that you introduce it and support its enactment. There are also inclosed copies of correspondence from the files of this department which disclose the nature of the claim. Sias bought a Ford automobile which had been seized under a writ of execution and sold to satisfy a criminal judgment against one Walter Smith. He paid \$205 for the car. It later developed that a lien was recorded on this car and the attorneys for the lien holders brought suit and secured judgment against Sias for the unpaid balance due on the automobile. Sias thereupon, on advice of the United States Marshal, turned the car back to the lien holders. The proceeds of the sale to Sias, less necessary charges (a net balance of \$191.80), were deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, as shown by certificate of deposit No. 2181.

Under the circumstances Sias should be reimbursed for the moneys thus paid out by him. This may be done only through an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

JNO. W. SARGENT,
Attorney General.

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