Mr. MEANS, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 16311]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 16311) for the relief of the First National Bank, Savanna, Ill., having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

The facts are fully set forth in House Report No. 2059, Sixty-ninth Congress, second session, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

[House Report No. 2059, Sixty-ninth Congress, second session]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 16311) for the relief of the First National Bank, Savanna, Ill., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

Attached herewith is the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury giving the facts in the case, and which is made a part of this report.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, February 4, 1927.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I have received your letter of January 18, 1927, transmitting a copy of H. R. 16311, a bill for the relief of the First National Bank, Savanna, Ill., on account of the alleged loss of 4½ per cent Treasury note No. 56663 for $1,000, series C–1925, issued December 15, 1922, matured June 15, 1925, with coupons due June 15, 1923, to June 15, 1925, inclusive, attached, and requesting all papers or copies of the same in the files of the department relating to the claim, together with an opinion as to its merits.

In department letter of September 15, 1926, the above-mentioned bank was advised that the department would not oppose a special act of Congress providing for relief since there was no information available which indicated that the note or the coupons pertaining thereto had been presented. In letter of January 10, 1927, Congressman William R. Johnson was advised of the department's position in the matter. Copies of the above-mentioned letters of September 15, and January 10, are included in the inclosed copy of the file.
Inasmuch as considerable time has elapsed since the maturity of the note and there is no information available which indicates that the note or the coupons have been presented, the Treasury sees no objection at this time to the passage of the bill for the relief sought by the above-mentioned bank.

A copy of this letter is inclosed.

Very truly yours,

Hon. Charles L. Underhill,
Chairman Committee on Claims,
House of Representatives.

A. W. Mellon,
Secretary of the Treasury