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PROVIDING FOR THE ADVANCEMENT ON THE RETIRED LIST OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2452]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2452) to provide for the advancement on the retired list of certain officers of the United States Coast Guard, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

Amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the words "Coast Guard" add "and the Coast and Geodetic Survey."

Amend the title to read as follows:

A bill to provide for the advancement on the retired list of certain officers of the United States Coast Guard and the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

The purpose of the bill is to provide material benefits upon retirement for officers of the Coast Guard and the Coast and Geodetic Survey in recognition of services in actual combat that have been specially commended, which benefits are similar to those now provided for by law in the case of officers of the Navy and Marine Corps.

The committee are of the opinion, in view of existing combat activities, that officers of these two services should, upon retirement, be accorded the same benefits as provided for officers of the Navy and Marine Corps by the act approved June 23, 1938 (52 Stat. 951; 34 U. S. C. 404 (1)).

There are at present no officers of the Coast Guard and the Coast and Geodetic Survey, actually known, who would be affected by the bill, if enacted. It is possible, however, that acts have been performed by Coast Guard and Coast and Geodetic Survey officers meriting commendation such as is contemplated in the bill that may subsequently receive such recognition.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The committee have been advised that 40 officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey have recently been transferred by Executive order to the War and Navy Departments, in accordance with the act of May 22, 1917. Additional transfers are contemplated in the closer coordination of activities for the war effort. Upon cessation of hostilities these officers will be returned to the Coast and Geodetic Survey, where they will serve to the end of their commissioned careers. The committee amended the bill so as to include officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, thereby affording to them the same benefits provided by law for commissioned officers of other services.

Enactment of the bill would result in no additional cost to the Government at the present time. It is impossible to make an estimate of the probable additional cost to the Government as the result of possible special commendations in the future.

The bill was introduced at the request of the Navy Department and has been cleared by the Bureau of the Budget.

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