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AUTHORIZING GRANT OF EASEMENT IN CERTAIN LANDS OF THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION FACILITY, JEFFERSON BARRACKS, MO., TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI, FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES

MAY 5 (legislative day, APRIL 30), 1942.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6926]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6926) authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant an easement in certain lands of the Veterans' Administration facility, Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to the State of Missouri, for highway purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill has the endorsement of the Veterans' Administration and the Bureau of the Budget.

The report of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs on this bill is explained in a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the Administrator under the date of April 11, 1942, reading as follows:

APRIL 11, 1942.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: There is transmitted herewith the draft of a bill authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant an easement in certain lands of the Veterans' Administration Facility, Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to the State of Missouri for highway purposes, with the request that it be referred to the appropriate committee of the House of Representatives, in order that it may be introduced and enacted into law. There is also enclosed a black-and-white print showing the location of the land described in the draft bill.

The new Mississippi River bridge at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., is nearing completion and a new highway is being built by the State of Missouri to serve as a bridge approach. This highway is located along the southern boundary of the Veterans' Administration reservation and intersects an existing highway, Koch Hospital Road, at the southwest corner of the reservation. The bridge approach highway is elevated and the State is constructing a bridge to carry it over Koch Hospital Road and a ramp connection between the two highways.

The Veterans' Administration facility at Jefferson Barracks is located on land which formerly was a part of the Jefferson Barracks Military Reservation. Access to the hospital has been obtained by means of Leavenworth and Sappington

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Barracks roads through the military reservation but the necessity for excluding the general public from the Military Post at this time makes continued use of the present entrance impracticable. Under these circumstances advantage is being taken of the availability of the new bridge approach road to provide a new facility entrance which will not cross the military reservation. The construction of the bridge approach is being expedited by the State at the request of the military authorities.

In connection with the construction of the highway intersection and ramp connection at the southwest corner of the Veterans' Administration facility, the use for highway purposes of a narrow strip of Veterans' Administration land is necessary. The entire project is very advantageous to the Government and use of the strip under revocable license is being permitted pending legislative authority.

The property in question has been cleared for disposition as proposed by the Federal Works Agency pursuant to the provisions of the real-estate section of the regulations governing the operation of the Branch of Supply, Procurement Division, Treasury Department, approved by the President April 12, 1935. Information has been received from the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection to the presentation to the Congress of this proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, *Administrator.*

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