

ANNIE H. MARTIN

APRIL 26, 1926.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

MR. UNDERHILL, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 767]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 767) for the relief of Annie H. Martin, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

Attached herewith is Senate Report No. 265, which is made a part of this report.

[Senate Report No. 265, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 767) for the relief of Annie H. Martin, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

A similar bill passed the Senate in the Sixty-eighth Congress.

The facts are fully set forth in Senate Report No. 236, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

[Senate Report No. 236, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1316) for the relief of Annie H. Martin, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

The purpose of the bill is to pay to Annie H. Martin, of Carson City, Nev., the sum of \$545.02, to enable her to make payment of a liability incurred by her as acting assayer in charge, United States Mint, Carson City, Nev., for losses in operating on bullion.

The bill has the favorable recommendation of the Treasury Department, as will be seen from the following correspondence, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 17, 1924.

DEAR SENATOR CAPPER: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 5, inclosing copy of S. 1316, for the relief of Annie H. Martin, now pending before your committee.

In accordance with your request, I am inclosing copy of letter dated March 3, 1920, addressed to Hon. Selden P. Spencer, signed by Hon. R. T. Baker, who was Director of the Mint at that time, and approved by Hon. David F. Houston, former Secretary of the Treasury, recommending the passage of a similar bill (S. 3938, 66th Cong., 2d sess.). I am also inclosing copy of letter dated October 24, 1921, which accompanied a copy of the letter above referred to.

The passage of this bill is recommended.

Respectfully,

A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. ARTHUR CAPPER,
Chairman Committee on Claims, United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

MARCH 3, 1920.

Hon. SELDEN P. SPENCER,
Chairman Committee on Claims, United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: In response to your letter of February 22, inclosing a copy of S. 3938, for the relief of Annie H. Martin, I beg to state that on November 21, 1919, the Director of the Mint reported on this case as follows:

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: In accordance with the act of August 8, 1888 (25 Stat. L. 387), I have to advise that examination of the final accounts of Miss Annie H. Martin as acting assayer in charge of the Carson Mint shows that there is a shortage of \$545.02 in the amount of bullion on hand compared with the amount shown to be due.

This shortage appears to have resulted from an accumulation of small losses in working bullion over a period of about 4½ years, during the incumbency of Mr. Ed. Ryan as assayer in charge from March 1, 1915, to his death on November 4, 1918, and during Miss Martin's incumbency as acting assayer in charge from November 5, 1918, to September 4, 1919. Miss Martin, who is the only clerk at the mint, automatically succeeded Mr. Ryan at his death. There appears to have been no actual settlement made at the time of Mr. Ryan's death; that is, the amount of bullion actually on hand was not definitely determined. I am firmly of the opinion that there was no intent to defraud.

In view of all the circumstances in this case it is proposed that the matter be presented to the Congress at its coming session with request for relief of Miss Martin.

Respectfully,

R. T. BAKER, *Director of the Mint.*

I concur in the view of the Director of the Mint and recommend the passage of this bill.

Respectfully,

DAVID F. HOUSTON, *Secretary.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, July 13, 1922.

DEAR SENATOR PITTMAN: Hon. Raymond T. Baker, former Director of the Mint, has advised this bureau of your letter regarding the pending bill for the relief of Annie H. Martin, assayer in charge, United States mint, Carson City, Nev., and particularly to the inquiry of the subcommittee as to the proportion of loss incurred during the incumbency of Miss Martin as assayer in charge from the death of Mr. Ryan to the appointment of his successor.

Upon the death of Mr. Ryan, Miss Martin, as chief clerk, automatically became the assayer in charge of the mint at Carson pending the appointment of Mr. Ryan's successor. Upon the appointment of Mr. Ryan's successor an inventory of the bullion on hand was taken showing that bullion to the value of \$545.02 additional was needed to make up the value called for by the books.

The volume of bullion handled during the administration of Miss Martin as acting assayer in charge was about one-third of that handled during Mr. Ryan's administration.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'REILLY,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. KEY PITTMAN,
United States Senate.