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ENCOURAGE BREEDING OF RIDING HORSES FOR ARMY PURPOSES

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Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 15651]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 15651) to encourage breeding of riding horses for Army purposes, having considered the same, report thereon, with the recommendation that it do pass.

In the Army appropriation bill there are carried every year items of a legislative nature restricting various items of appropriation. In the effort to relieve the Appropriations Committee from the necessity of determining whether it is to the best interest of the War Department to continue these items from year to year, it has been decided by your committee to enact permanent legislation wherever possible. Hence the favorable report on this measure. The attitude of the War Department in this connection is outlined in the letter of the Secretary of War herewith made a part of this report as follows:

JANUARY 11, 1927.

HON. JOHN M. MORIN,
*Chairman Committee on Military Affairs,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. MORIN: In compliance with your request, I am pleased to submit the following report on H. R. 15651:

The subject of the proposed legislation is "A bill to encourage breeding of riding horses for Army purposes."

The applicable provision of existing law on this subject appears in the Army appropriation act approved April 15, 1926, and is quoted below:

"That the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, accept donations of animals for breeding and donations of money or other property to be used as prizes or awards at agricultural fairs, horse shows, and similar exhibitions, in order to encourage the breeding of riding horses suitable for Army purposes."

The changes that will be brought about in existing law by the proposed legislation and the effect of such legislation, stated briefly, are as follows:

It will take out of the annual Army appropriation act the provision with respect to accepting donations of animals, money, or other property for the encouragement of breeding of riding animals and make this matter permanent legislation instead of being enacted annually as heretofore.

I favor the passage of this bill for the following reasons:

The wording of the bill is identical with the provision enacted annually in the Army appropriation bill and it is desirable that this provision of law continue in effect indefinitely.

The bill does not authorize the expenditure of any Government funds.

If any additional information from the War Department is desired, I shall be pleased to furnish it.

If the Committee on Military Affairs wishes to have hearings upon the proposed legislation, the following named officers are designated to appear before your committee: Col. Henry C. Whitehead or Maj. Charles L. Scott, Quartermaster Corps.

Sincerely yours,

DWIGHT F. DAVIS, *Secretary of War.*