

MRS. MARY E. WOODWORTH.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany S. 716.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 716) granting a pension to Mrs. Mary E. Woodworth, have examined the same and report:

This bill proposes to pension the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. A few such pensions have been granted, but the policy has always been regarded as questionable, and the pressure for pensioning the daughters of soldiers of all the wars in which this country has been engaged became so urgent on this committee that the following rule was adopted at the beginning of the present session:

Bills proposing to pension children of soldiers will not be entertained except in cases where the child has been idiotic, deformed, or otherwise mentally or physically incapacitated from birth or early childhood, and then only in cases of destitution.

It will thus be seen that the bill can not have consideration, and it is therefore reported back adversely with a recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed.

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