

CHARLES E. HENRY.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RETURNING

WITHOUT APPROVAL SENATE BILL NO. 6197, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING AN INCREASE OF PENSION TO CHARLES E. HENRY."

DECEMBER 20, 1906.—Read; referred to the Committee on Pensions and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate:

I return herewith without approval Senate bill Number 6197, entitled "An act granting an increase of pension to Charles E. Henry," as the Secretary of the Interior informs me that the records of the Pension Bureau show that the beneficiary died on November 3, 1906, prior to the passage of the bill, which would, therefore, be inoperative should it become a law.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *December 20, 1906.*

[S. 6197. Fifty-ninth Congress of the United States of America; at the Second Session, begun and held at the city of Washington on Monday, the third day of December, one thousand nine hundred and six.]

An act granting an increase of pension to Charles E. Henry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Charles E. Henry, late second lieutenant Company A, and first lieutenant and adjutant, Forty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of thirty dollars per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

J. G. CANNON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS,
Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.

I certify that this Act originated in the Senate.

CHARLES G. BENNETT, *Secretary.*
By H. B. McDONALD, *Chief Clerk.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 21, 1906.

The PRESIDENT:

Your letter of the 19th instant has been received, inclosing for report of any objections to the approval thereof enrolled bill S. 6197 (59th Cong., 2d sess.) granting an increase of pension to Charles E. Henry.

In response thereto I return herewith the within described bill, together with copies of reports of the Senate and House Committees on Pensions thereon, with a memorandum relating to the same, prepared in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions.

The bill proposes to increase from \$12 to \$30 per month the pension of the beneficiary, favorable action thereon by the committee having been based upon his helpless and indigent condition.

It appears from evidence on file in the Pension Bureau that the beneficiary died on November 3, 1906, prior to the passage of the act. Should the bill under consideration become a law it would be inoperative, and I therefore have the honor to recommend that it do not receive your approval.

Very respectfully,

E. A. HITCHCOCK,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Washington, December 20, 1906.

Mr. SECRETARY: There has been referred to this Bureau for report a bill (S. 6197) entitled "An act granting an increase of pension to Charles E. Henry."

The papers in the soldier's pension claim, certificate No. 863233, show that he died on November 3, 1906, consequently, should the bill be approved by the President, it will be inoperative.

The Senate Committee on Pensions has this day been advised of the facts in the premises, and the suggestion made that the bill be recalled from the President by the passage of a concurrent resolution requesting its return.

Very respectfully,

V. WARNER,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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