

H. E. VAN TREES.

FEBRUARY 7, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MORRILL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 562.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 562) granting a pension to H. E. Van Trees, submit the following report:*

We find that H. E. Van Trees was enrolled in Kansas State Militia by Governor of Kansas, on the 3d day of September, 1874, and on the 23d day of December, 1874, was mustered into service as first lieutenant, and ordered at once into active service to repel an Indian invasion in Western Kansas. On the 8th day of January, 1875, while the command was in active service Lieutenant Trees was ordered to proceed to Hutchinson for supplies. While on the way they were overtaken by a terrible snow-storm, and Van Trees was so severely frozen as to render necessary the amputation of both his feet at the instep, rendering him a cripple for life.

Van Trees had previously served during the war of the rebellion, and distinguished himself by his brave and gallant conduct.

There being no doubt as to the facts in the case, the committee would recommend the passage of the bill.