

C. GUY EVANS, GARLAND MINERAL SPRINGS, INDEX,  
WASH.

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Mr. WALSH of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Naval Affairs,  
submitted the following

## R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 1589]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1589) for the relief of C. Guy Evans, Garland Mineral Springs, Index, Wash., having considered the same, report favorably without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the reimbursement of C. Guy Evans for the loss sustained by him in the destruction by fire of a building owned by him and being used by personnel of the United States Coast Guard.

Under contracts with C. Guy Evans, personnel of the Coast Guard were quartered at the Garland Mineral Springs. About November 12, 1942, at the request of the commanding officer of the Coast Guard detachment, Mr. Evans agreed that the Coast Guard personnel might use a building, known as the recreation hall, for classroom purposes without charge. This building was not covered by the contract for quartering the personnel, and the Coast Guard undertook to operate the building. To make this building comfortable, a stove was installed under Coast Guard supervision and was left in an unsafe condition in that the smoke pipe was not properly insulated.

On November 18, 1942, an enlisted man of the Coast Guard started a fire in the stove and left it unattended with the drafts open. As a result, the building caught fire and despite all fire-fighting efforts was completely destroyed.

The amount of the claim of \$1,527.79 is made up as follows:

Cost of material needed to rebuild.....	\$1,480.48
Cost of labor to rebuild.....	750.00
Total cost to rebuild.....	2,230.48
Less depreciation, at 5 percent per year for 8 years.....	892.19
Depreciated cost.....	1,338.29
Cost of personal property.....	189.50
Amount of claim.....	1,527.79

The estimates of the cost to rebuild have been reviewed by qualified Coast Guard officers, all of whom certify that such estimates are accurate or less than the actual cost that will be incurred in rebuilding the building.

As the damage to the property of Mr. Evans was due to the negligence of the Coast Guard personnel in allowing the unsafe condition of the stove to continue, and in failing to have the stove attended when all drafts were open, it would appear that the claim should be allowed.

The bill was introduced at the request of the Navy Department, and has been cleared by the Bureau of the Budget.

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