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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 23, 1872.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Leonard J. Rose, for compensation for losses sustained by Indian spoliation, submit the following report:

In the year 1858 Leonard J. Rose, a citizen of the United States, left the State of Iowa for California by way of New Mexico. The party consisted of men, women, and children, to the number of about sixty, many of whom joined the party after he left Iowa. He took with him horses, mules, cows, and young stock, wagons, corn, flour, and a variety of other valuable property. On or about the 31st day of August, while west of the Colorado River, the party was attacked by a large number of the Mohave Indians, and after a battle, which lasted about two hours, they destroyed and carried away property belonging to him which he values at \$27,639.76.

The petitioner presented his claim for compensation to the first session of the Thirty-sixth Congress, which was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, of which the Hon. W. K. Sebastian was chairman. There was some correspondence upon the subject between the committee and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, but no facts were brought to light to justify the payment of the claim by the Government, and on the 19th of February, 1861, the committee was discharged.

No new testimony has been introduced, and as those Indians have no annuities or other moneys due from the United States, and as the Government cannot be justly liable for spoliations committed upon those who remove from one section of the country to another, your committee report adversely upon the petition.