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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 30, 1874.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Sarah Brooks, of Cloud County, Kansas, report :

The petitioner states that on the 13th of August, 1868, a company of six Indians, claiming to be Pawnees, came to her house, captured her mother, two little sisters, one little brother, and herself; that all but herself were driven away and she taken prisoner; that her father, who was out haying, was killed by a part of the same band; that she was compelled by force to submit to the outrages of the band capturing her, sustaining injuries which still remain; that she arrived at the camp of the tribe on the 18th of August, where she was compelled to do all sorts of heavy drudgery, which frequently broke down her strength; that she attempted to escape, but was recaptured and again compelled to submit to their indignities; that she was held in captivity until March 18, 1869, when she was released by General Custer, who captured three chiefs and held them as hostages until her release; that by reason of her imprisonment and torture she is very much afflicted. She therefore prays Congress for relief.

The statement is unsupported by any proof, not even the affidavit of the petitioner being furnished. The committee report adversely, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the case.