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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 31, 1882.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 975.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 975) for the relief of Levi Wilson, beg leave to report:

That in 1877 the claimant became a contractor with the Interior Department to furnish a large quantity of beef at certain stations for the Indians. In the settlement of his accounts there was a disagreement between him and the department as to the proper construction of his contract. The claimant insisted on a construction by which \$1,163 would have been added to his compensation. The department rejected this construction, and he now claims relief for this difference.

We do not consider that we are called on to express an opinion as to the true construction of the contract. The claimant had a plain remedy to enforce his demand, if it was just, by suit in the Court of Claims, and to that tribunal he should have applied.

The committee recommend that the bill for his relief (S. 975) be indefinitely postponed.