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ALLOTMENT OF LANDS IN SEVERALTY TO INDIANS.

APRIL 20, 1886.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 54.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 54) to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to Indians on the various reservations, and to extend the protection of the United States and the Territories over the Indians, and for other purposes, having had the same under consideration, respectfully report back the same, with sundry amendments, as follows:

(1) Strike out sections 1 and 2 of said bill and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“That in all cases where any tribe or band of Indians has been, or shall hereafter be, located upon any reservation created for their use, either by treaty stipulation or by virtue of an act of Congress or Executive order setting apart the same for their use, the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized, whenever in his opinion any reservation of such Indians is advantageous for agricultural and grazing purposes, to cause said reservation to be surveyed, or resurveyed if necessary, and to allot the lands in said reservation in severalty to the Indians located thereon, in quantities as specified in the treaty with said tribes or bands if said reservation was created by treaty: *Provided*, That in all cases where no provision for the allotment of land is made in the treaties, acts, or Executive orders creating or relating to said reservations, allotments in severalty may be made thereon as follows:

“To each head of a family, one quarter of a section;

“To each single person over eighteen years of age, one-eighth of a section;

“To each orphan child under eighteen years of age, one-eighth of a section; and

“To each other person under eighteen years now living, or who may be born prior to the date of the order of the Secretary of the Interior directing an allotment of the lands embraced in any reservation, one-sixteenth of a section: *Provided*, That in case there is not sufficient land in any of said reservations to allot lands to each individual of the classes above named in quantities as above provided, the lands embraced in such reservation or reservations shall be allotted to each individual of each of said classes pro rata in accordance with the provisions of this act.”

(2) Strike out all after the word “void” in line 16, section 6, up to the word “Provided” in line 21.

(3) Strike out all after the word "Congress" in line 40, section 6, up to and including the word "necessary" in line 54.

(4) Insert after the word "Osage" in line 3, section 9, the following: "Miamies and Peorias, and Sacs and Foxes."

(5) At the end of the bill add the following:

"SEC. 2. That the provisions of this act shall not extend to any tribe of Indians until the consent of two-thirds of the male members twenty-one years of age shall be first had and obtained."

(6) That the several sections of the bill be renumbered.

We recommend that the bill, when so amended, do pass.

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