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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 18, 1886.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 146.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 146) for relief of George S. Comstock, have considered the same, and in accordance with the views of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, given in the inclosed letter, which is made part of this report, they recommend the indefinite postponement of the bill.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 11, 1886.

SIR: I am in receipt, by reference, of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the honorable Secretary of the Interior, referring bill (S. 146) for the relief of George S. Comstock, with a request for such information relative thereto as this Department may possess, and in reply I have the honor to report that it appears from the records of this office that a claim of George S. Comstock, amounting to \$18,908.53, on account of depredations alleged to have been committed by Cheyenne and Sioux Indians, on the 9th and 10th days of August, 1864, was filed in this office June 22, 1882; on the 8th July following, the claim was transmitted to United States Indian Agent McGillicuddy, at Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota, with directions to carefully examine all the facts connected therewith, and, after submitting the same to the Indians in council, to report the result, together with his recommendation for allowance or disallowance. Under date of January 21, 1884, Agent McGillicuddy returned the claim with his report, recommending favorable action. On the 2d February following, the report of this office, recommending an allowance of \$12,404.36, to be paid from moneys due Sioux of different tribes, including Santee Sioux of Nebraska, was submitted to the honorable Secretary of this Department, and by him transmitted, under date of February 15, 1884, to the Speaker, House of Representatives, and appears, by Ex. Doc. No. 102, Forty-eighth Congress, first session, to have been referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The claim was returned to this office for re-examination in pursuance of the provisions of the act approved March 3, 1885, and was again examined and reported to the honorable the Secretary of the Interior, under date of November 30 last, with the recommendation that the claim be dismissed as barred by force of the seventeenth section of the act approved June 30, 1834 (4 Stats., 731, 732), and the recommendation for disallowance was concurred in by the honorable Secretary, under date of 10th December last.

The papers in the case are now on file in this office. Senate bill 146 is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner.

Hon. H. L. DAWES,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate.