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ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND EQUIPAGE TO THE STATE OF
OREGON FOR THE MILITIA THEREOF.

MARCH 17, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state
of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. OUTCHEON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill H. R. 5009.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5009) providing certain arms, ammunition, and equipage to the State of Oregon for the militia thereof, beg leave to report:

That we find the organization of the militia in said State to number at present three regiments, with one unattached battery of light infantry and one troop of cavalry, and these are in urgent need of arms and equipments by reason of the inadequate supply due the State through its regular annual quota, it having but one Representative in this House, while its population, it is estimated, has more than doubled since the last apportionment.

This State contains within its limits five Indian reservations, aggregating within them about 4,000 Indians, in various portions of the State, and that in the whole State—as large in area as New York and Pennsylvania combined—there is but one United States military post, and it with only one company of infantry; and that along its three hundred miles of unguarded sea-coast, as well as frontier, there are many exposed localities, which may at any time experience the necessity of home defense.

We therefore report said bill back, with the favorable recommendation that it pass with the following amendments: On line twenty-one of the bill, after the word “for” insert “the same,” and on said line strike out the word “all”; and on line twenty-three strike out all of the bill after the word “sufficient” and insert the following: “therefor the said annual quotas shall be credited to the said State until the advance of arms, ordnance, and stores hereby made shall be offset and balanced by said annual quotas.”