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## Railroad crossings in the Indian Territory.

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RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

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JULY 18, 1890.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

**REPORT:**

[To accompany S. 1904.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1904) providing for railroad crossings in the Indian Territory, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

The bill provides that any and all railroads now existing or that may hereafter exist may cross each other upon the road desiring to cross paying the road crossed all damages arising from such crossing, said damages to be agreed upon by the parties if they can, and if not then to be left to appraisers to be appointed by the courts of the United States having jurisdiction, etc., such crossing being necessary to the free exchange and interchange of commerce.

Your committee recommend that the Senate bill above stated do pass.

The letter of the Secretary of the Interior is hereto attached as part of this report.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, February 25, 1890.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of communication from your committee of 31st ultimo, transmitting Senate bill 1904, Fifty-first Congress, first session, "to provide for railroad crossings in the Indian Territory."

In response thereto I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication of 21st instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom the matter was referred, wherein, after careful examination of the provisions of the bill, he states that so far as his office is concerned, he sees no objection to its passage.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,  
*Secretary.*

The CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*United States Senate.*

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