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BRIDGE OVER THE ARKANSAS RIVER IN THE INDIAN
TERRITORY.

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

Mr. WALKER, of Missouri, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 2185.]

The Committee on Commerce, having had under consideration Senate bill 2185, "to authorize the construction of a bridge over the Arkansas River, in the Indian Territory" report the same back favorably, with an amendment, and recommend its passage. The amendment is as follows, to be inserted at the end and as a part of section 2 of the bill, to wit:

That all railway companies desiring to use said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passages of the same, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof, and of all the approaches thereto, under and upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties, in case they shall not agree.

The railroad is now constructed and in operation for about 100 miles on the north side of the river, from Coffeyville, Kans., to Fort Smith, Ark. Two roads, owned by the same company, are in operation on the south side, one having been in operation several years and the other uncompleted. The bridge is imperatively necessary to the welfare of the company and the convenience of the people, and the bill has been approved by the Secretary of War.