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TOPEKA, OKMULGEE AND GULF RAILWAY COMPANY.

FEBRUARY 23, 1891.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 4568.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred House bill 4568 granting the right of way to Topeka, Okmulgee and Gulf Railway Company, have given same full consideration and beg to report as follows:

The Topeka, Okmulgee and Gulf Railway is a corporation created, organized, and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, invested, and empowered with the right of building, operating, and maintaining a railway in the State of Kansas, Indian Territory, and State of Texas, running south from Topeka, in the State of Kansas and by the most practicable route through the Indian Territory, through or near Okmulgee, in Creek County, to some point on the southern boundary of said Indian Territory in the direction of Galveston, thence across the State of Texas to the Gulf of Mexico.

The company has 16 miles of road now built in Texas, and title to 175 miles right of way deeded in that State.

This road will open up vast coal fields in the Indian Territory now laying dormant for want of proper transportation facilities, and will be of great service and source of revenue to the Indian nations through which it passes, and will be of immense benefit to the people of the States of Kansas and Texas, and other States in their vicinity tributary thereto, giving them rapid and frequent transportation facilities for their products not now enjoyed.

The bill seems to have been prepared with care and in keeping with the precedents, and as it contains the provisions usually found in such bills, its passage is recommended by the committee.