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EXCLUSION OF INTOXICANTS FROM INDIAN TERRITORY.

JULY 14, 1892.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CULBEESON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 1988.]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill 1988, submit the following report:

The object of the bill is to amend the law so that beer and other malt liquors may be excluded from the Indian Territory as other intoxicants now are. It seems that some of the courts having jurisdiction in the Indian Territory hold that beer and other malt liquors may be introduced into the Territory, while others hold that beer and other malt liquors are embraced in the term "ardent spirits," and are therefore excluded. The dealers in beer, taking advantage of this confusion over the proper construction of the law, are introducing beer into the Indian Territory, and under the guise of vending beer are violating the law against the introduction of ardent spirits. This bill is designed to remedy this mischief, which has grown to be harmful and detrimental to the Indians.

