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EASTERN SHAWNEE INDIANS.

MAY 24, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 10477.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10477) to appropriate to the Eastern Shawnee Indians \$9,079.12 and to make additional allotments of land, etc., submit the following report:

One purpose of this bill is to distribute per capita among the individual members of the Eastern Shawnee tribe of Indians the sum of \$9,079.12 and accrued interest thereon, being the balance arising from the sale of certain lands now held in the Treasury for said Indians.

The Eastern Shawnees are a small band of about 80 Indians residing in the northeastern corner of the Indian Territory on a reservation of about 13,000 acres, part of which is now in process of allotment under the provisions of the general allotment law.

These Indians are well advanced towards citizenship, mostly speaking the English language, are generally industrious, and most of them occupy improved and cultivated farms. Their land abuts on Missouri, and they desire this money in order to further fence what are now their individual holdings of land, and with which to make other necessary improvements.

The representations of the delegates from the tribe are such as to induce the belief that the payment of this money will result in great good to the Indians in materially assisting them towards the possession of individual homes fit to be occupied by intelligent members of society.

The Indian Office has been similarly impressed, as the Commissioner favors the legislation proposed in the bill.

The object of the bill is to allot to each member of the tribe 160 acres of land. The extent of the reservation is slightly in excess of 13,000 acres. The proposed legislation will exhaust the reservation except in the neighborhood of 300 acres, most of which is needed for agency purposes.

The Quapaw Indian Agency is located on this reservation, and the bill provides that the land necessary for its maintenance shall be reserved from allotments so long as the agency exists.

The Peoria and Miami Indians, whose reservation adjoins the Shawnees on the east, have been given 200 acres of land each in severalty,

and the Quapaws, adjoining the Shawnees on the north, have a bill now favorably reported in both houses of Congress giving each member of the tribe 200 acres of land.

The Shawnees think they are as much entitled to this special provision as the Peoria, the Miamis, and the Quapaws. The Indian Office agrees with this view, so also does your committee, and the passage of the substitute is therefore recommended.

