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## Report : Committee on Military Affairs

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 27, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MAXEY, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5894.]

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 5894) to authorize the sale of Fort Logan, Montana Territory, and to establish a new post on the frontier, respectfully submits the following report:*

This bill passed the House of Representatives April 20, 1880.

The facts are presented in the report of the Committee on Military Affairs of the House, which is hereby adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Military Affairs beg leave to report that Fort Logan, when established, was on the frontier, but that the settlements have outgrown it, and the post needs to be moved out about a hundred miles on the present frontier, which is now the scene of continued Indian raids and conflicts.

It is thought that sufficient money can be obtained by the sale of the old post to establish the new one.

The troops now have to be sent continually to the front, and their transportation back and forth is expensive, and their service is much more unsatisfactory than if stationed where needed. The military authorities have repeatedly urged this change, and present exigencies make it immediately necessary. The accompanying letter of the Secretary of War, and the indorsements of General Terry and General Sherman, having been referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, that committee have prepared this bill. In view of the pressing necessity of the case, on account of recent and threatened conflicts, and the approach of the season when war parties of Indians can make their raids with the greatest impunity, the committee unanimously recommend that the rules be suspended and the bill passed.

Wherefore the committee reports back House bill 5894 without amendment, and recommends its passage.