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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MARCH 23, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. CARTER, from the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 2284.]

The Committee on Public Lands having considered Senate bill 2284, respectfully report the same and suggest that the bill pass with the following amendments:

In the title of the said bill strike out the words "homestead settlers in Gregory County, South Dakota," and substitute therefor the following: "actual settlers on unsurveyed public land."

Strike out lines 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, and substitute therefor the following:

That in all cases, including those arising on ceded portions of Indian reservations, where persons duly qualified to enter public land under the homestead laws have heretofore or may hereafter settle, improve, and continuously reside upon unsurveyed public land with the bona fide intention of entering the same under the homestead laws, when surveyed and opened to entry shall, upon presenting final proof as required by law, be entitled to credit for residence, improvement, and cultivation made prior to the approval of such survey, and the acceptance of filings.

All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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