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# LEASES ON THE WICHITA, KIOWA, AND APACHE RESERVATIONS.

FEBRUARY 8, 1894 .- Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

January 30, 1894.

Mr. FLYNN submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Whereas on the 4th day of June, 1891, agreements were entered into between commissioners on the part of the United States and the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians and with the Comanche, Kiowa, and Apache bands of Indians, providing for the ceding of the surplus lands of said tribes of Indians, in Oklahoma Territory, to the United States; and

Whereas said agreements have been submitted by the President to

Congress for ratification and are now pending; and

Whereas it is reported that applications are now pending in the Interior Department for the approval of leases of said lands for grazing purposes; and

Whereas the approval of said leases would result in postponing the

opening of said lands to settlement: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to inform this House whether any leases of said lands have been approved or submitted to him for his approval; and, if so, he is hereby directed to withhold his approval of the same and to transmit to this House copies of said leases and all papers connected therewith.

Attest.

JAMES KERR.