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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 21, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PETTIGREW presented the following

CONFERENCE REPORT:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on certain amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6249) making appropriations for current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 46, 51, and 56.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 71, 76, 86, 87, and 94, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 33:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 33, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment, insert the following: *For purchase of seed and grain and for subsistence for the Ponca Indians in Nebraska, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and for payment for such supplies heretofore purchased during the current fiscal year, five thousand dollars, to be immediately available; And the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendments numbered 47, 48, and 49:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 47, 48, and 49, and agree to the same with amendments as follows: Strike out the matter inserted by said amendments and strike out the amended paragraph, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to appoint a commission, to consist of three persons, not more than two of whom shall be of the same political party, and not more than one of whom shall be resident of any one State, to negotiate with the following Indians, namely: With the Crow and Flathead Indians in the State of Montana for the cession of portions of their respective reservations; with the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indians for the removal of said Northern Cheyenne Indians from their present reservation on the Rosebud River at Lame Deer Agency to the southern portion of the Crow Reservation; with the Indians residing on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in the State of Idaho, and with the Indians residing upon the Uintah Reservation in the State of Utah, for the surrender of any portion of their respective reservations, or for such modification of

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existing treaties as may be deemed desirable by said Indians and the Secretary of the Interior; and with the Yakima Indians in the State of Washington for the surrender of a portion of their reservation lands, and for such modification of existing treaties as may be deemed desirable by said Indians and the Secretary of the Interior, any agreement thus negotiated being subject to subsequent ratification by Congress; and for the expenses of such commission and negotiations hereunder the sum of ten thousand dollars is appropriated: Provided, That the time for the completion of the canal, or any part thereof, authorized by an act entitled "An act granting to the Columbia Irrigation Company a right of way through the Yakima Indian Reservation, in Washington," be, and is hereby, extended two years from July twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 52:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 52, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Insert after the word "persons," in lines 2 and 3 of said amendment, the following: *two of whom shall be practical surveyors, and, and insert after said amendment the following: To enable the Attorney-General to employ a special attorney for the Mission Indians of southern California, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior, one thousand dollars; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 68:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 68, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert: *one million two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 77:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 77, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Insert after the word "Dakota," in line 2 of said amendment, the words *in full of all demands and claims upon the Government; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 78:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 78, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Insert after the word "Company," in line 1 of said amendment, the words *in full of all demands and claims upon the Government; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendments numbered 83, 84, and 85:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 83, 84, and 85, and agree to the same with amendments, as follows:

Strike out the matter inserted by said amendments, and strike out the amended paragraph, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

For support of Indian industrial school at Pierre, South Dakota, at not to exceed one hundred and sixty-seven dollars per annum for each pupil, and for general repairs and improvements, twenty-seven thousand and fifty dollars; for pay of superintendent of said school, one thousand five

hundred dollars; in all, twenty-eight thousand five hundred and fifty dollars: Provided, That hereafter no Indian child shall be taken from any school in any State or Territory to a school in any other State against its will, nor without the written consent of its parents.

And the Senate agree to the same.

On amendments numbered 37, 64, 66, 69, and 70, the committee of conference has been unable to agree.

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Managers on the part of the Senate.

J. S. SHERMAN,

CHARLES CURTIS,

GEO. C. PENDLETON,

Managers on the part of the House.

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