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GRAND LODGE OF MASONS, INDIAN TERRITORY.

FEBRUARY 11, 1896.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RAY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5633.]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5633) to incorporate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Indian Territory, submit the following report:

This bill relates wholly to the Indian Territory.

It incorporates this body of Free Masons, and so enables it to own real estate and do business for the promotion of its fraternal and benevolent purposes. It provides that its property shall not be divided among its members, limits the amount of property the corporation may own, and provides that it shall not engage in any business for gain.

The bill follows other acts incorporating these fraternal and benevolent societies in the Territories and in the District of Columbia.

Your committee, having carefully considered same, most respectfully recommend its passage, with the following amendments:

Insert the word "same" before the word "power," in line 1, section 2, and the words "as citizens of the United States" after the words "power aforesaid," the object being to limit the power of the corporation in acquiring real estate, the same as the rights of citizens of the United States are limited in said Territory.

