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ARRA M. FARNSWORTH.

MAY 21, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 3470.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3470) entitled "A bill for the relief of Arra M. Farnsworth," beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass without amendment:

The sole object and effect of the bill is to relieve the claimant of the bar of the statute of limitations prescribed by the "Act to provide for the adjudication and payment of claims arising from Indian depredations," approved March 3, 1891. The facts as shown to the committee make a prima facie showing of a claim on account of depredations of the Sioux and Cheyennes in the capture of certain wagons and teams owned by the claimant. Through inadveritence of the attorneys for the claimant, his petition failed to be filed in the Court of Claims under the act referred to within the time limited by said act. Claimant is an old man and resides in Michigan. He does not seem to have been guilty of laches on his own part, but employed and relied on attorneys, who failed to give his case due and timely attention. The whole facts seem to entitle him in justice and equity to the privilege of a hearing in court, where the rights of all parties can be heard and adjudicated.