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COMMUTATION OF CERTAIN HOMESTEAD SETTLERS ON LANDS IN OKLAHOMA.

MARCH 21, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5489.]

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5489) extending the right of commutation to certain homestead settlers on lands in Oklahoma Territory opened to settlement under the provisions of the act entitled "An act to ratify and confirm the agreement with the Kickapoo Indians in Oklahoma Territory, and to make appropriations for carrying the same into effect," report the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Your committee adopt as a part hereof the subjoined report of the House Committee on the Public Lands:

[House Report No. 348, Fifty-fifth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on the Public Lands, having had under consideration the bill (H. R. 5489) extending the right of commutation to certain homestead settlers on lands in Oklahoma Territory opened to settlement under the provisions of the act entitled "An act to ratify and confirm the agreement with the Kickapoo Indians in Oklahoma Territory, and to make appropriations for carrying the same into effect," recommend the passage of the same.

The bill meets with the full approval of the Interior Department, excepting that they suggest that the time should be fixed at fourteen instead of twelve months, in line 10.