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MUSCOGEE COAL AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

JANUARY 22, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CURTIS, of Kansas, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2858.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bills (H. R. 5362 and S. 2858) entitled "A bill authorizing the Muscogee Coal and Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory, and for other purposes," after having given the same careful consideration, recommend that Senate bill 2858 be substituted for House bill 5362, and that Senate bill 2858 do pass with the following amendments:

In line 5, section 1, after the word "authorized," strike out the word "and."

In line 7, same section, after the word "equipping," strike out the word "and."

In line 8, in said section, after the word "railway," strike out the word "and."

In line 10, same section, strike out the words "Fort Gibson" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Red Rock."

In line 11, same section, strike out the word "Cherokee" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Creek."

In lines 11 and 12, said section, strike out the words "in a westerly and southwesterly direction."

In line 13, same section, strike out the words "Cherokee and."

In line 15, page 2, strike out the words "at a point at or near Vernon, Texas," and insert in lieu thereof the words "to Guthrie, in said Territory."

In line 19, page 2, said section 1, after the word "for," add:

*Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to give said company any right to use or occupy the lands herein granted, except land belonging to the United States, without paying the owner thereof a reasonable and just compensation therefor.

In section 2, page 2, lines 2 and 3, strike out the following words: "and branch lines."

In line 4, page 2, section 2, strike out the word "territories" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Territory."

In line 19, page 2, section 2, after the word "be," add the word "so."

In line 20, section 2, page 3, after the word "Indians," add the words "or individual Indian."

In line 25, section 5, page 7, after the word "provisions," add "except as to annual tax."

In section 8, line 4, after the word "within," strike out the word "five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "three."

