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FEDERAL JAIL, FORT SMITH, ARK.

FEBRUARY 23, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

R E P O R T .

[To accompany H. R. 5521.]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill 5521, return the same to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill seeks to authorize the use of the Federal jail at the city of Fort Smith, Ark., as a prison for persons convicted in the Federal courts in the Indian Territory in cases where the term of imprisonment does not exceed one year, under rules to be prescribed by the Attorney-General.

The Federal jail referred to in the bill has a capacity for the safe-keeping of more than 500 prisoners, and the great lack of prison accommodations in the Indian Territory renders the use of this jail as a prison for short-term convicts expedient and economical.

The bill was submitted to the Attorney-General for his opinion, and after an examination he states that there is no objection to the passage of the bill.