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OMAHA NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

DECEMBER 13, 1897.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2508.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2508) granting the right to the Omaha Northern Railway Company to construct a railway across, and establish stations on, the Omaha and Winnebago reservations, in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes, beg leave to report the same favorably, with the following proposed amendment:

After the word "its," in line 5, page 1, insert the words "successors and."

The Omaha Northern Railway Company is duly incorporated under the laws of Nebraska, and contemplates the construction of a railroad from Omaha to a point on the south bank of the Missouri River, opposite Yankton, in the State of South Dakota, together with branch lines through portions of the State. This is a genuine corporation, and your committee has every reason to believe that the road will be constructed within the time contemplated in the bill, and certainly its construction and operation are much needed. The bill is in the usual form adopted by the Senate in such cases.

The line of railway, so far as it affects the Omaha and Winnebago reservations, over which it is to be constructed, follows as closely as practical the west bank of the Missouri River, and runs through a country that does not possess any special value for agricultural purposes, owing to its bluffy character.

It is the judgment of your committee that the bill should be passed with the amendment proposed.