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POTTAWATOMIE AND KICKAPOO INDIAN RESERVA-
TIONS, ETC.

APRIL 21, 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

R E P O R T.

[To accompany H. R. 8480.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8480) providing for the sale of the surplus lands on the Pottawatomie and Kickapoo Indian reservations in Kansas, and for other purposes, having had the same under consideration, find the following facts:

The Pottawatomie Reservation is situated in Jackson County, Kans., and will, after the allotments as provided for in said bill are made, contain about 5,000 acres of land for sale. The Kickapoo Reservation is situated in Brown County, Kans., and will, when allotments provided for by said bill are made, contain about 3,000 acres of land for sale. A bill substantially like this one was approved by the Department and passed by the Fifty-third Congress, but the Indians refused to consent to the sale under that law because there was no provision for the children born to said tribes after the former allotments were closed. This bill has been drawn to meet the objection made by the Indians to the present law. Lands were allotted to these Indians several years ago, but there were a few absentees who failed to secure their allotments.

This bill provides for these absentees, as well as for the children born subsequent to the allotments. Schools have been conducted on these reservations for about twenty-five years, and the Indians are intelligent and industrious. They are engaged in agriculture and raising live stock, and desire the money arising from the sale of their surplus lands to better improve their farms. There is no possible chance to wrong the Indians under the proposed law, as their lands are to be sold to the highest bidder and the money paid by United States officers to the Indians. The committee recommend the following amendments:

Section 2, line 32, strike out the word "section" and insert the word "act."

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In line 2, section 3, strike out the word "section" and insert the word "act."

At the end of line 1, in section 4, strike out the word "section" and insert the word "act."

In line 3, section 5, strike out the word "section" and insert the word "act."

After the word "of," in line 4, section 5, insert the words "either of."

In section 5, line 6, strike out the words "which have been."

In line 8, section 5, strike out the word "such" and insert the word "all."

In line 10, section 5, after the word "children" insert the words "and absentees."

In line 11, section 5, after the word "children" insert the words "and absentees."

With these amendments your committee recommend that the bill do pass.

