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FORT SMITH AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

FEBRUARY 2, 1899.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 11916.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11916) entitled "A bill to authorize the Fort Smith and Western Railroad Company to construct a railway through the Choctaw and Creek nations, in Indian Territory, and for other purposes," beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass without amendment:

This is a bill enacting that the Fort Smith and Western Railroad, a corporation organized under the laws of Arkansas, be authorized to construct and operate a railway through the Choctaw and Creek nations, Indian Territory, to Kingfisher, in Oklahoma. The bill is in the usual form and provides all necessary safeguards to secure to individuals and the nations through which it passes full compensation for any damages sustained by reason of the construction of said road.

Your committee, after full investigation, believe said corporation to be a legitimate organization and fully able to construct said railway; that said company intends in good faith to construct and operate said railway, and that said railway will be of great value to the commercial interests of the country through which it passes.