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CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS BY RAILROADS IN INDIAN TERRITORY AND OKLAHOMA.

MAY 21, 1892.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:
[To accompany H. R. 8507.]

The Committee on the Territories, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8507) to put in force in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory the law of the State of Arkansas entitled “An act to regulate the rates of charges for the carriage of passengers by railroads,” approved April 4, 1887, having carefully considered the same, beg leave to report that 3 cents per mile is the maximum rate for the carriage of passengers in the various States adjacent to these Territories, and is also the maximum rate provided for in all recent acts of Congress granting to railroad companies rights of way in these Territories, and, so far as the committee have been able to learn, there are but two railroads in the Indian Territory that charge in excess of that rate, and these obtained their rights of way before the practice obtained of Congress prescribing the maximum rate in the act granting the right of way.

The committee are of the opinion that 3 cents per mile is as great a charge as should be exacted by any railroad in these Territories, and therefore report the bill with recommendation that it do pass.