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ST. LOUIS, OKLAHOMA AND SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

January 30, 1896.—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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 67.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 67) authorizing the St. Louis, Oklahoma and Southern Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory, and for other purposes, having had the same under consideration, recommend the passage of the same with the following amendments:

On page 1, line 11, strike out the words "or near the town of Claremore," and add the following: "and between Claremore and Sapulpa,

on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad."

In line 12, on page 1, after the word "Cherokee," add the following: "and Creek;" also in line 12, change the word "nation" to the word "nations."

On page 2, line 14, before the word "the" add the words "or near." On page 2, line 15, after the word "Territory," add the following: "to a point at or near Stonewall;" also on same page, in line 16, strike out the following words: "and Pottowatomie Reserve, Oklahoma;" and on same page, line 27, after the word "route," add the following: "between Okmulkee and Sasakwa and running."

Line 27, strike out "Territory."

Page 2, line 29, insert after "Territory" "or to intersect the A., T. and S. F. R. at some point between Norman and Ardmore."

On page 3, line 5, substitute the word "one" for the word "two," and in line 6, strike out the word "three" and insert the word "two."

On page 3, line 10, strike out the words "one hundred" and add the word "fifty."

On page 8, line 42, after the word "act," add the following:

Provided further, That a map showing the entire line of the road in the Indian Territory shall be filed with and approved by the Secretary of the Interior before the work of construction shall commence.

The bill is in the usual form of bills granting rights of way, with the exception it does not grant as much land and requires the filing and approval of a map of the line in the Indian Territory before the work of construction shall commence.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill with

the above amendments.