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PASSENGER RATES ON RAILROADS IN THE INDIAN
TERRITORY.

FEBRUARY 5, 1896.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 4585.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4585) to regulate passenger rates on railroads in the Indian Territory, having carefully considered the same, beg leave to report:

Three cents per mile is the maximum rate for the carriage of passengers in the various States adjacent to the Indian Territory, and is also the maximum rate provided for in all recent acts of Congress granting to railroad companies rights of way in the Territory.

The committee are of the opinion that 3 cents per mile is as great a charge as should be exacted by any railroad in this Territory, as there are numerous thriving cities and a thickly settled country through which the various railroads now operating in the Indian Territory pass.

The railroad companies charging in excess of 3 cents per mile were granted rights of way by Congress, and the committee are of the opinion that residents of the Indian Territory are entitled to the same protection at the hands of Congress as that extended by the State to its inhabitants adjoining said Territory, and therefore recommend that the bill do pass.