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SIoux CITY AND OMAHA RAILWAY COMPANY.

FEBRUARY 17, 1899.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 5076.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, having had under consideration the bill (S. 5076) authorizing the Sioux City and Omaha Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Omaha and Winnebago Reservation, in Thurston County, Nebr., and for other purposes, make the following favorable report:

The Sioux City and Omaha Railway Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, are engaged in the building of a railroad from Sioux City, in the State of Iowa, to Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, and this bill authorized said railway company to construct their said railroad across the Omaha and Winnebago Indian Reservation. Your committee are of the opinion that the construction of said railroad across and through said reservation would result beneficially to the Indians on said reservation, and recommend the passage of said bill with the following amendments, suggested by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

On line 16, page 5, strike out the word "ten" and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

Strike out section 5, on pages 6 and 7, and insert in lieu thereof:

SEC. 5. That said company shall cause maps showing the entire route of its located lines through the said Omaha and Winnebago Reservation to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, which maps shall be approved by said Secretary before any rights shall vest in said company under this act. After the filing of said maps and approval thereof by the Secretary of the Interior no claim for a subsequent settlement and improvement upon the right of way shown by said maps shall be valid as against said company: *Provided*, That when a map showing said railway company's located line is filed and approved, as herein provided for, said company shall commence grading said located line within six months thereafter, or such location shall be void.

On line 5, section 6, page 7, strike out the word "three" and insert in lieu thereof the word "two," and in line 6 of said section 6 strike out the word "five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "three."