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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 2, 1867.—Read, ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. WILLIAMS submitted the following

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting the following as the future policy of the government towards the Indians, excepting those now on reservations, and those who have adopted the customs of civilization.

1. To provide for said Indians two reservations of suitable size and productiveness to contain and support them, one on the east side of the Rocky mountains for all the Indians between said mountains and the Mississippi river, the other on the west side of the Rocky mountains for all the Indians between said mountains and British Columbia.

2. To make no further recognition of their distinct nationalities by treating with tribes and bands, or the heads of tribes and bands; to make no further recognition of their right to the country over which they roam by purchasing or proposing to purchase the same; to make no further promise for payment to them of money, property, or annuities in any shape or form.

3. To make it known to all of said Indians as the settled and inflexible policy of the government that they are to go upon said reservations to be there provided for, protected, and taught the arts of civilized life; and to make it further known and understood by said Indians that they are to have no alternative but to choose between this policy of the government and extermination.

4. To provide that all Indians, without respect to their tribal relations, voluntarily surrendering themselves or captured in war, shall be taken, placed, and kept on said reservations, to be the wards of the government, controlled and managed at its discretion.

5. To provide that all existing Indian superintendencies, agencies, and reservations shall be dispensed with as soon as practicable, and the Indians connected therewith consolidated with the others upon said reservations.