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RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF KANSAS

IN FAVOR OF

The passage of a bill providing for the payment of stock and other property stolen or destroyed by the Osage, Kaw, and other Indians on the border of Kansas.

February 22, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Be it resolved by the senate, (the house concurring,) Whereas the Osage, Kaw, and other tribes of Indians having large reservations of valuable lands within the boundaries of the State of Kansas, or contiguous thereto, which lands will soon be disposed of for the benefit of said tribes of Indians, and from which lands large sums of money will accrue to them or be held in trust for them by the government of the United States; and

Whereas said Osage, Kaw, and other Indians, while professedly at peace, have been for a series of years engaged in stealing horses and other property from the settlers in Southern and Western Kansas; and

Whereas the Indian Department of the government have usually failed to make restitution for property stolen, though undoubted evidence of the facts were furnished them; and

Whereas the Indians have almost entirely escaped punishment for a crime for which citizens of the State are severely punished; and

Whereas the citizens of the border are not in circumstances to either bear the loss of their property nor to prosecute the Indians by the long and uncertain provisions of the intercourse law: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representative requested, to procure the passage of a bill providing for the payment of stock and other property stolen or destroyed by the Osage, Kaw, and other Indians on the border of Kansas, from the proceeds of any lands, moneys, or annuities belonging to said Indian tribes.

Resolved, That the secretary of state furnish a copy of these resolutions to our senators and representative in Congress, the Secretary of the Interior, and the President of the United States.

Adopted by the senate February 8, 1870.

GEO. C. CROWTHER,
Secretary of Senate.

Concurred in by the house of representatives February 10, 1870.
HENRY C. OLNEY,
Chief Clerk.
I, Thomas Moonlight, secretary of state, State of Kansas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original resolution filed in my office February 14, A. D. 1870.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and cause to be affixed the great seal of the State.

Done at Topeka this 15th day of February, A. D. 1870.

[Seal.]

THOMAS MOONLIGHT,
Secretary of State, State of Kansas.