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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 4, 1872.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. STEVENSON submitted the following REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 788.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 788, entitled "A bill for the relief of Red Bear, a chief of the Pembina band of Chippewa Indians," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to make the following report:

By the ninth article of a treaty with the Red Lake and Pembina bands of Chippewa Indians, concluded October 2, 1863, provision is made for setting apart, out of a tract of land ceded to the United States by the second article of said treaty, a reservation of six hundred and forty acres for the chief, Red Bear, on the north side of Pembina River.

Congress is asked, by reason of an alleged entry by settlers of lands to such an extent as to leave no tract of six hundred and forty acres in compact form on the north side of the Pembina River, to authorize Red Bear to make selection of the reservation contemplated for him out of any public lands not otherwise reserved, pre-empted, or occupied by homestead settlers, or not otherwise disposed of, ceded to the United States by provisions of the second article of said treaty, and upon either side of said river.

The committee find, upon examination, from monthly returns to the General Land-Office from Pembina district, as late as 31st of January, 1872, that sections 1, 2, 3, and 5, in township 163 north, range 52 west, and sections Nos. 6, 10, 11, and 12 of the same township, each contains from three hundred and twenty to six hundred acres of public land subject to entry; and all of said land lies north of Pembina River, and is subject to selection by Red Bear under the ninth article of the treaty of October 2, 1863.

Therefore the committee unanimously recommend the indefinite postponement of said bill.