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LEASES ON THE WICHITA, KIOWA, AND APACHE RES-
ERVATIONS.

FEBRUARY 8, 1894.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state
of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany Mis. Doc. 87.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs respectfully report that they have had the above-described resolution under consideration and recommend the passage thereof.

There is now pending for ratification a treaty made by the United States with the Wichita Indians and another with the Kiowa and Apache Indians looking to the opening of both reservations. The surplus lands on both reservations have usually been leased under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and many leases are now waiting his approval. The purpose of the foregoing resolution is to prevent the approval of any new leases pending the action of Congress on the treaties, lest the new leases might prevent the prompt disposal of the surplus lands in case the treaties should be approved. It is to keep the lands in condition to be disposed of if the treaties are approved.

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