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RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH THE OMAHA AND WINNEBAGO  
INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

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JANUARY 22, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of  
the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10061.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10061) entitled "A bill to amend an act entitled 'An act granting to the Eastern Nebraska and Gulf Railway Company right of way through the Omaha and Winnebago Indian reservations, in the State of Nebraska,' by extending the time for the construction of said railway," beg leave to submit the following report:

This is a bill to extend the time for constructing a railway through the Omaha and Winnebago Indian reservations in the State of Nebraska for a term of four years from the 27th day of June, 1897.

Your committee find that the grantees have acted in good faith in carrying out the provisions of the original act, and that their failure to complete construction within the time provided was without fault on their part. That they have made a survey of their line of road between the initial points in the State of Nebraska, as stated in their charter. That they have made a definite location of their line through the said Indian reservations, and in part outside of said reservations. That they have made contracts for right of way through the unallotted or tribal lands in said reservation, and have also made contracts for right of way with seventy-three out of a total of eighty-seven owners of the allotted lands, all of which contracts have been approved by the Indian agent in charge of said reservations. Contracts are being made with the remaining fourteen owners as fast as they can be found. Surveys and plats of definite location have been presented to the committee showing the line of road, together with the surveys and plats for depot grounds, also the charter of said road, and the same have all been duly filed with the Secretary of the Interior as provided by the original act.

Your committee therefore recommend that said bill be amended by striking out the word "four" in line 9 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "three," the effect of which will be to extend the time three years instead of four years, and that said bill so amended do pass.