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EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR COMPLETION OF ST. PAUL,
MINNEAPOLIS AND MANITOBA RAILWAY.

FEBRUARY 4, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state
of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3603.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3603) to extend the time for the completion of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company through the White Earth, Leech Lake, Chippewa, and Fond du Lac Indian reservations in the State of Minnesota, submit the following report:

There was granted by Congress on the 18th day of July, 1894, a right of way through and over the White Earth, Leech Lake, Chippewa, and Fond du Lac Indian reservations in the State of Minnesota, to the St. Paul and Manitoba Railway Company, in which it was provided that the time for construction should be limited to three years from the date of the approval of the said act.

The railway company to whom this franchise was granted has surveyed and constructed a part of the road and the surveys of the remainder of the road are being completed. The survey is now being extended through the Indian reservations herein referred to and as soon as it is completed the line of definite location will be filed with the Secretary of the Interior.

The proposed legislation extends the time for construction for a period of two years from the 18th day of July, 1897.

Your committee, in view of the surveys and partial construction of the road, showing a faithful compliance with the provisions of the original franchise, do recommend that the bill be passed.