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SURVEY OF FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIPS 31 AND 32, IN THE
STATE OF NEBRASKA.

MARCH 19, 1897.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 84.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 84) entitled "A bill to establish the official survey of certain lands in Nebraska," etc., beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass without amendment.

This is a bill enacting that the United States surveys heretofore made of the lands described therein be established as official. The papers accompanying the bill show that the survey made of the lands described in section 2 of said bill was largely fictitious; and from the report submitted by the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office it appears that the provision for the resurvey of the same, which shall result in new plats and field notes thereof to correspond with the actual field work done by the Deputy Surveyor C. P. Meyer, will result in the accomplishment of the full purpose of the bill.

In order that the lines in dispute may be definitely settled and the title to the lands thus quieted, the committee are of the opinion that the bill should pass.

Communications from the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the Secretary of the Interior are hereto appended and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, April 17, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to hand you herewith a report from the Commissioner of the General Land Office on Senate bill 2749, entitled "A bill to establish the official survey of fractional townships thirty-one and thirty-two north, of ranges six, seven, and eight west, of the sixth principal meridian, in the State of Nebraska, north and west of the Niobrara River, and quieting the titles of settlers thereon, and for other purposes."

With the changes made as suggested by the Commissioner, I concur in his recommendation that the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

HOKE SMITH, *Secretary.*

Hon. R. F. PETTIGREW,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., April 13, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by your reference, for report, of a letter from Hon. R. F. Pettigrew, United States Senate, chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, dated April 9, 1896, inclosing, for opinion thereon, Senate bill No. 2749, entitled "A bill to establish the official survey of fractional townships thirty-one and thirty-two north, of ranges six, seven, and eight west, of the sixth principal meridian, in the State of Nebraska, north and west of the Niobrara River, and quieting the title of settlers thereon, and for other purposes."

From the papers accompanying the bill it appears that a survey made of the lands mentioned in section 2 was largely fictitious, and that the provisions for the resurvey of same which shall result in new plats and field notes thereof to correspond with the actual field work done by Deputy C. P. Meyer will result in the accomplishment of the purpose of the bill.

I would recommend the insertion in line 16, section 2, after the word "meridian," of the words "lying on the left bank of the Niobrara River," in order that the purposes of the bill may be more specifically stated in the body thereof.

With this addition I recommend that the bill do pass.

The papers are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

S. W. LAMOREUX, *Commissioner.*

