

## LANDS IN SEVERALTY TO UNITED PEORIA AND MIAMI INDIANS.

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

### REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 11634.]

The Committee on Indian affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11634) to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to the United Peorias and Miamis in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes, having had the same under consideration, report back the same with certain amendments, and with such amendments recommend that the same do pass.

The United Peorias and Miamis own 50,301 acres of land in Indian Territory, where they reside, and the Miamis own land in the State of Kansas, where they resided prior to their removal to Indian Territory in 1873. All these Indians are civilized and self-sustaining, and are sufficiently educated to become citizens of the United States and to hold their lands and other property in severalty, and they desire to so hold it.

The bill provides for the allotment of their lands to them in severalty, but to be held by the United States in trust for them, inalienable, and not subject to sale for taxes or under decree of any court or otherwise for a period of twenty-five years. The rights of all parties are properly guarded, and the bill is recommended by the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs and is desired by the Indians, and it is at their instance and request that this legislation is proposed.

The bill substantially as reported by your committee passed both houses of Congress at its recent session, but was not considered by the President before the adjournment.