

EVANS, NICHOLS & CO.

FEBRUARY 24, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2310.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2310) for the relief of Evans, Nichols & Co., of Iowa, would report:

The evidence presented shows that on or about the 7th day of September, 1866, they had purchased a large number of cattle in the State of Texas, and started to drive them to Saint Joseph, in the State of Missouri, and in so doing drove said cattle through the lands or territory occupied by a tribe or nation of Indians, known and designated as the "Osage Indians," and that about said date, and while passing through said Territory, two bands of Indians from said nation or tribe, under the chiefs, known as "Black Dog" and "Little Bear," made a raid on the herd being driven as aforesaid, and shot, killed, and drove away fifty-two head of beef cattle, and took at the same time two horses, the property of said Evans, Nichols & Co., by reason of which all of said property was entirely lost to them, and for which they have received no compensation whatever. The evidence shows that the cattle so lost were each of the value of \$40, and each of said horses of the value of \$100; making a total loss of \$2,280, and for which they ask to be paid. It further appears that the raiding Indians were of a tribe at peace with the government of the United States at the time, and that claimants used no harsh means to recover said property, and had treated them kindly, and had, in fact, given them as a present one or more steers for beef.

Your committee therefore report the bill back with amendments, and recommend that it pass.

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