

SAC AND FOX AND IOWA INDIAN RESERVATIONS IN NEBRASKA AND KANSAS.

MARCH 3, 1886.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT :

[To accompany Senate Ex. Doc. No. 70, first session Forty-ninth Congress, and bill H. R. 6394.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred Senate Ex. Doc. No. 70, first session Forty-ninth Congress, containing a draft of a bill prepared by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to annul the third section of the act of March 3, 1885, "to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes," have considered the same, and submit the following report :*

The object of the proposed legislation is to perfect the act of March 3, 1885, so as to provide for the individual allotment of lands to orphans and minors now living on the reservations, but who are not provided for in any way by the act in question. The act of March 3, 1885, provides for the allotment of lands in severalty to those members of the tribes only, electing to remain, who are heads of families or single men, and because of the failure to provide for the orphans and minors of the tribe the legislation is not satisfactory to the Indians and is not accepted.

The Ex. Doc. contains the report of the special Indian agent and many papers pertaining to the subject of the proposed legislation, to which attention is invited by the committee.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior recommend the proposed legislation, and believing provision should be made for the allotting of the lands in severalty to the orphans and minors as well as to the adults, your committee recommend that the bill contained in said Ex. Doc. do pass.