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INDIAN TRADERS.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 2676.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, having had under consideration Senate bill 2676, submit the following report:*

The only purpose of this bill is to repeal chapter 360 of the statutes of 1882, and to re-enact section 2133 of the Revised Statutes pertaining to Indian traders.

Chapter 360 of the statutes of 1882 repealed section 2133 of the Revised Statutes, which was as follows:

SEC. 2133. Any person other than an Indian who shall attempt to reside in the Indian country as a trader, or to introduce goods, or to trade therein without such license, shall forfeit all merchandise offered for sale to the Indians or found in his possession, and shall moreover be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars.

If this section is re-enacted and chapter 360 of the laws of 1882 is repealed the Indians will have restored to them the right to trade among themselves and to sell to their own people without restraint or license from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

This is so manifestly just and right that no written report was required in support of the bill in the Senate, and the committee of the House only deem it necessary to state the effect of the proposed legislation to secure its indorsement and approval.