

WINNEBAGO RESERVATION IN NEBRASKA.

MAY 1, 1888.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 8372.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8372) to authorize the sale of a portion of the lands of the Winnebago tribe of Indians in Nebraska, submit the following report:

This bill was introduced in compliance with a petition signed by the adults of the tribe of Winnebagos in Nebraska. The bill authorizes the sale of one section of 640 acres of land, for cash, to the highest bidder, and under direction of the Secretary of the Interior. The Winnebago tribe of Indians in Nebraska are now taking their allotments and preparing to improve their lands. They need ready money to purchase cattle and farm implements. The land can be sold now to advantage, and the money received will do them greater service than the land, as the tribe have many thousand acres of land but very little money.

The agent of the Indians and all who are interested in their welfare favor the passage of this measure.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill, with the following amendment:

At end of section 2 insert:

It is further provided, That at any time within three months after the sale of the unallotted lands as provided, any members of the tribe who have not voluntarily relinquished their allotments on the land described are authorized to make sale of their lands with the consent of their special agent, by transfer, and assigning their patents, and the purchaser shall pay into the hand of the agent of the Winnebago Indians in Nebraska, for the benefit of said tribe as heretofore provided, the same price per acre as the average price paid for lands at the public sale, and said members of the tribe may select lands on the reservation the same as if no selection had been made.

Also in line 5 of section 2, after the words "Winnebago tribe of Indians," add the words "in Nebraska."

Also in line 18 of section 2, after the word "Indians," add same words, "in Nebraska."

So this act will apply to the Winnebago tribe of Indians in Nebraska only.