

FORT SMITH AND CHOCTAW BRIDGE COMPANY.

AUGUST 15, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CRISP, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 11107.]

The bill passed at this session authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Poteau River, in the Choctaw Nation, failed to determine what court should have jurisdiction to hear any controversies that might arise between the bridge company and the Choctaw tribe of Indians, between the bridge company and the inhabitants of the Choctaw Nation, and between the stockholders and the bridge company. This bill vests such jurisdiction in the district court of the United States for the western district of Arkansas, or such other court of the United States as may have jurisdiction over the Indian Territory in which such bridge is located.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

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