

SPOKANE FALLS AND NORTHERN RAILWAY.

MARCH 14, 1890.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILSON, Washington, from the Committee on Indian Affairs submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5964.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5964) to grant to the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company the right of way through the Colville Indian Reservation, in Washington, and for other purposes, have considered the same and submit the following favorable report:

The railroad company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, and is now built and in operation from Spokane Falls to this Indian reservation, and the contemplated extension is of the greatest importance to the people of eastern Washington and the entire State. The road is responsible, and the committee is assured that if the right is granted for the extension of said road the same will be built without delay. The bill is drawn in the usual form for said cases, and provides that said company shall prior to constructing said line file with the Secretary of the Interior a map and survey of their proposed railroad.

The committee have endeavored to guard in the best way possible the interests of all parties on the Indian reservation likely to be affected by the construction of this railway.

In the opinion of the committee the rights of the Indians and the public are as well guarded as it is possible to protect them by enactment.

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.