

ISSUE OF ARMS TO CERTAIN STATES.

FEBRUARY 23, 1891.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CUTCHEON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. Res. 291.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the joint resolution amendatory of and supplementary to public resolution No. 3, approved December 9, 1890, report that they have had the same under consideration, and report the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

Said public resolution provided in its title for the issue of one thousand "stands of arms" to each of the States of North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska.

In the body of the resolution instead of the expression "stands of arms," which would include the accouterments, the word "rifles" was used, which does not include accouterments.

The present joint resolution is to correct this error and make the title and body of the resolution correspond.

The original resolution is hereto appended for the information of the House.

[PUBLIC RESOLUTION—No. 3.]

JOINT RESOLUTION to authorize the Secretary of War to issue one thousand stands of arms to each of the States of North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War, under such regulations as he may prescribe, be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue to the States of North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska, out of any ordnance stores which may belong to the United States and which have been superseded and are no longer issued to the Army, one thousand rifles each and ammunition for the same, not to exceed fifty ball cartridges for each arm, to enable the authorities of said States to assist the United States in protecting citizens and their property against depredations by Indians: Provided, That the said ordnance stores shall remain the property of the United States, and that the governors of said States shall each furnish security satisfactory to the Secretary of War for the care and return of said arms when the same shall be demanded: And provided further, That the quotas to said States under the act of February twelfth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, for arming and equipping the militia shall not be hereby diminished.

Approved, December 9, 1890.