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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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FEBRUARY 14, 1878.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. VOORHEES submitted the following

RESOLUTION:

*Resolution of the Senate of the United States, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to procure certain information in regard to certain bonds alleged to have been issued by certain railroad companies on certain contingent land-grants of the lands of the Indians of the Indian Territory.*

*Resolved by the Senate,* That the Committee on the Judiciary be, and the same is hereby, instructed to ascertain, at its earliest convenience, whether or not the railroad companies referred to by the acts of the Thirty-ninth Congress, approved respectively July 25, 26, and 27, 1866, and entitled respectively "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of the Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad and its extension to Red River"; "An act granting lands to the Union Pacific Railway and telegraph from Fort Riley, Kansas, to Fort State of Kansas to aid in the construction of a Southern Branch of the Smith, Arkansas"; and "An act granting land to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the States of Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific coast," have issued bonds of any kind, predicated upon the conditional land-grants of the lands of the Indians of the Indian Territory claimed by said companies under said acts. If it be ascertained that such bonds have been issued, then it shall be the duty of said committee to ascertain in whose possession the bonds are, and for what purpose.

*Resolved further,* That said committee, in the discharge of its duties aforesaid, be authorized to call for persons and papers, and, when necessary, to compel the attendance of witnesses in its investigation, and to report the result of said investigation to this body during the present session of Congress.