

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 19, 1889.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 432.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the bill (S. 432) "to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to settle the claims of the legal representatives of S. W. Marston, late United States Indian agent at Union Agency, Ind. T., for services and expenses," have duly examined the same and submit the following report:

In the Forty-seventh Congress Senate bill 1035, precisely similar to this bill, was passed by the Senate and failed in the House.

In the Forty-eighth Congress another bill (S. 1035), precisely similar to the present bill and the bill (S. 1035) of the Forty-seventh Congress, was again passed by the Senate and was favorably reported in the House (see H. R. Report No. 2647, Forty-eighth Congress, second session), but failed of final action.

In the Forty-ninth Congress Senate bill 220, precisely similar to this and said other bills, was presented and favorably reported in the Senate (Senate Report No. 106, Forty-ninth Congress, first session) and passed by the Senate and favorably reported in the House (House Report 3897, Forty-ninth Congress, second session) and failed of final action. Since the making of those reports the Rev. Dr. S. W. Marston has died, and this present bill is for the relief of his legal representatives.

A precisely similar bill was favorably reported in the Fiftieth Congress by Senate Report 352, and passed by the Senate and favorably reported in the House, but was not finally considered.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be examined and audited the claims of the legal representatives of S. W. Marston, late United States Indian agent at Union Agency, Ind. T., for services rendered and expenses incurred by him in July, August, September, and October, 1878, not to exceed \$448.10, appropriated therein.

The claimant, now deceased, was Indian agent for the Union Agency, Ind. T., during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1877 and 1878. On the 30th day of June, 1878, said Union Agency was abolished, thereby vacating the office of Indian agent at that agency. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs instructed the claimant to remain at said agency for

the purpose of closing up the business of said agency. In obeying the instructions of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs he incurred expenses and spent nearly four months' time, and for which he asks to be paid, in all a sum not exceeding \$448.10, if that amount is found to be due him upon an examination and adjustment of his account by the Secretary of the Interior.

Your committee, believing the bill and its provisions to be just and fair, report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

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