

SIoux INDIAN BATTLE MONUMENT

FEBRUARY 20, 1925.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. LUCE, from the Committee on the Library, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 310]

In the engagement with the Indians in 1875 that cost General Custer his life the commands under Major Reno and Major Benteen were separated from the others and fought an independent engagement. It was a desperate defense against tremendous odds and it was miraculous that these men did not meet the fate of annihilation which befell the general and those with him. The battle lasted two days and was one of the most remarkable exhibitions of heroism recorded in our military annals. The Custer battle field has been suitably marked and is under proper care but the other battle field has not been so treated. Large numbers of visitors now go there and it would seem as if the time had come to acquire such land as may be deemed appropriate and to erect thereon a suitable monument and historical tablet. The sum of \$2,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, which is asked for this purpose, does not seem excessive, and your committee advise that authority for its appropriation be enacted, and recommends, therefore, the passage of the bill, with amendment, in line 1, section 2, by inserting after the word "hereby" the words "authorized to be."

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