

Legislation - Indian
Affairs

May 20, 1946

Mr. John E. Whitehorn, Asst. Principal Chief
Mr. John W. Collins, Secretary
Osage Tribal Council
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Friends:

I am just in receipt of your letter signed by you gentlemen dated May 13th enclosing Resolution No. 164 signed by the Chief and five members of the Osage Tribal Council and the Secretary, with two petitions signed by a number of Osage Indians.

The bill in question passed the House a few days ago and it is too late to get this matter before the House sub-committee, under which circumstances you requested me to send it to Senator Carl Hayden, which I am doing today.

Thanking you for your interest and the privilege of cooperating with you at all times, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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Honorable Carl Hayden
United States Senator
131 Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Hayden:

I enclose herewith a letter which I received this morning from the Assistant Chief and the Secretary of the Osage Tribal Council of Osage Indians in Oklahoma, with attached Resolution No. 164 adopted by the Council April 17th, and two petitions signed by a number of Osage Tribesmen.

I anticipate that you understand that a number of the members of the Council were here several weeks ago and appeared personally before the sub-committee of the House Committee on Appropriations handling the Interior Bill, and protested the inclusion of a number of items affecting the Osage Indians in Oklahoma. After they returned home, according to information I received from them, pressure was brought to bear by agents of the Superintendent's Office at Pawinaska, Oklahoma, seeking to have them withdraw their protests and adopt the resolution of April 17th. The Assistant Chief and some others refused to sign the resolution, as I am informed, and think that their protests here were proper and that the items they objected to should be deleted from the bill. However, the matter had passed the sub-committee's consideration and, in fact, the bill had passed the House before I received the enclosed letter of May 13 this morning. You will note that they anticipated that such would be true, from the notation on the bottom of the letter which I am referring to you.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Respectfully yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.