

SCHWABE COLL

Indian Affairs

July 31, 1946

Mr. Henry E. Hoffman
First National Bank Building
Miami, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

Further with reference to H. R. 2294, concerning which I have heretofore written you.

I told you I would take this matter up with both of our Senators. I did so orally and followed my telephone conversation and personal interviews with a letter.

This morning, I am in receipt of a letter from Senator Thomas dated July 29, 1946, in which he stated that he would "try to look after this measure over on our side. I am reasonably sure that the bill will not get by the Senate unless and until all reference to our Oklahoma Indians is eliminated."

Senator Thomas, of course, expressed himself of not being desirous of interfering with the administration of Indian Affairs in other states, but realizing the peculiar problems existing in our state, he expressed himself as anxious to be on the alert to protect the Indians of Oklahoma.

Senator Thomas also reminded me that this bill had been called to his attention by you and Judge Vern E. Thompson.

I merely pass this information to you to let you know that apparently your views are receiving proper attention at the hands of Senator Thomas, and I believe that no fears need be entertained as to what the results may be in the Senate, if any.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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cc- Judge Vern E. Thompson

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Honorable George B. Schwabe
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Schwabe:

I have your favor and note your suggestions with respect to HR 2294, and replying advise that I will try to look after this measure over on our side. I am reasonably sure that the bill will not get by the Senate unless and until all reference to our Oklahoma Indians is eliminated. I have no desire to interfere with the administration of Indian affairs in other states but in our state we have peculiar problems that must be recognized when any new laws are enacted.

My attention was called to this bill by Mr. Hoffman of Vinita, and Mr. Verne E. Thompson of Joplin, Missouri; however, I thank you for your interest in the matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


Elmer Thomas

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