

File in
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Mr. George H. Roberts
Pawnee, Oklahoma

Dear George:

Referring further to the bill which I introduced in the Congress, namely H. R. 9753, for the purpose of conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to herein determine certain claims of the Pawnee Indians against the United States, and for other purposes, I am enclosing herewith letter received by Hon. Edgar Howard, Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs, House of Representatives, from Hon. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, together with a memorandum for the Secretary written by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

As is customary in such cases, immediately after I introduced the bill in the Congress, I requested the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House to obtain a report from the Secretary of the Interior, and the enclosures are in compliance with the request made by said committee.

As you know, the bill which I introduced was for the purpose of permitting your tribe to sue in the Court of Claims for the benefit which it is entitled to, and since I am not acquainted with the amount of money which the Pawnee Indians would receive in the event that the Tribe was successful in its suit, I am unable to determine whether or not the sum of \$6,079.50 would be proper reimbursement for them in the matter.

I wish you would immediately take this matter up with Terry Marlin, who is very much interested in it, and wire me Government Collect, what you think I should do in the matter. There is not a question of doubt that if your tribe should agree to accept the amount stated in the memorandum from the Secretary of the Interior to the Committee on Indian Affairs, the bill would be reported out of the Committee on Indian Affairs immediately and would stand a very good chance of passing the House at this session of the Congress. On the otherhand, in the event that it is not agreed to, I shall continue my efforts to obtain the passage of this bill before the final adjournment. This matter is very important and time being of the essence, I wish that you would look into it immediately.

With kind personal regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Wesley E. Disney