

CH. W. ABE COLL

March 4, 1946

Mr. Henry E. Hoffman
Secretary-Treasurer
Quapaw Indian Council
Miami, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I am just in receipt of your letter enclosing signed copy of resolution adopted by your Council on February 25, 1946 at Miami, Oklahoma, approving H. R. 4497, referred to as the Indian Claims Commission Bill.

It is gratifying to note that you have given this matter thorough consideration, and I am especially pleased to have your Resolution before me. I might say for your information that practically all of the leading Indians of Oklahoma who have given this matter serious thought and who are not promoting Indian Claims, so far as they have written or talked to me seem to favor this legislation.

The bill is the result of long and diligent study on the part of the Committee. Originally, when this Congress first convened in January, 1945, a bill was introduced by a Democratic Member of the House Committee on Indian Affairs and another in almost identical language was introduced by a Republican Member of the same Committee. The Committee has worked harmoniously and has attempted to use the best available information from our most intelligent Indians who have the interests of the Indians and prospective claimants at heart.

Hence, I repeat that I appreciate very much your letter and the signed copy of the Resolution of your Council approving this measure. I think this legislation is designed to serve the purpose better than any other measure or idea that has been suggested.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

QUAPAW INDIAN COUNCIL

MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

February 25, 1946

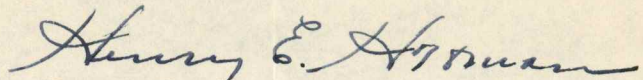
Rep. George B. Schwabe
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

I am enclosing for your consideration a resolution adopted by the Quapaw Indian Council concerning the Indian Claims Commission bill designated as H.R. 4497. As noted in the contents of this resolution, the Quapaw Indian Council is in favor of this proposed legislation.

Your consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Henry E. Hoffman,
Secretary-Treasurer
Quapaw Indian Council

HEH:RW
Encl.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Indian Council has been advised that a bill known as H.R. 4497 has been introduced into the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, this bill provides for the creation of an Indian Claims Commission and for the powers, duties and functions thereof and for other purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Indian Council, after a careful consideration of this bill, is in complete accord with the provisions contained therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Quapaw Indian Council that this Council is in full accord with the proposed legislation contained in the provisions of Bill H.R. 4497 and urges favorable congressional action on this bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed by the Secretary of the Quapaw Indian Council to Senator Elmer E. Thomas, Representative George B. Schwabe and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

DATED this 25th day of February, 1946, at Miami, Oklahoma.

ATTEST:

Henry C. Newman
Secretary

Victor Griffin
Chief

Irvin Wilson

A. B. Stanley

Anna B. Hallam

Levi L. Gordon