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## OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

J. WM. CORDELL  
SECRETARY

May 23, 1945

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

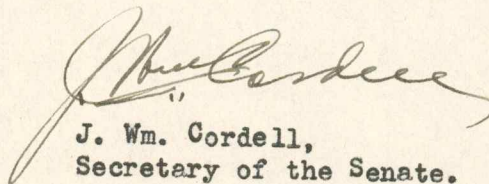
Sir:

Pursuant to the direction of the Oklahoma State Senate, I am forwarding, herewith, a copy of Enrolled Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24, the title of said Resolution being as follows:

"A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SPEEDILY ENACT LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION FOR THE SPECIAL PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING, ADJUSTING AND SETTLING INDIAN CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT".

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on the 23rd day of April, 1945, the House of Representatives concurring therein on the 26th day of April, 1945.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Wm. Cordell,  
Secretary of the Senate.

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## A R E S O L U T I O N

ENROLLED SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY: BROWN, WHITE, NEVINS, COBB,  
GARY, ANGLIN, MAHAN, PORTER,  
IRBY, CHAPMAN, BRADEN, COUNTS,  
GOODPASTER, NEILL, WORTHING-  
TON, LOWERY, JONES, THORNTON,  
GRENNELL, DACUS AND PAUL.

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ING, ADJUSTING AND SETTLING INDIAN CLAIMS  
AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, for many years Indian Tribal Claims involving Millions  
upon millions of dollars have been prosecuted against the United  
States Government without satisfactory results to either the Govern-  
ment or to the Indians, and until these claims are settled or adjust-  
ed, they will continue to be prosecuted at an enormous expense to  
both the Government and the Indian Tribes, and

WHEREAS, the Administration of Indian Affairs in the United  
States is being continually ham-strung because of these pending claims,  
which involve the broad proposition of Government guardianship over  
its Indian Wards, and not until said claims have been settled or ad-  
justed, may it be reasonably expected that this obstacle will be  
leveled, and

WHEREAS, the basis of these claims emanate from solemn treaties  
entered into between the United States and many of the Indian Tribes,  
and at this time when our Nation is fighting to maintain National and  
Inter-National integrity, it is well to lay a proper predicate at  
home for carrying out solemn obligations in order that the example  
might well be followed all over the world, and

WHEREAS, the two major political parties in their respective  
platforms, in 1940, advocated and recommended that some effective  
legislation be enacted for the purpose of settling and disposing of  
Indian claims: The Democratic platform providing as follows:

"We favor and pledge the enactment of  
legislation creating an Indian Claims  
Commission for the special purpose of  
entertaining and investigating claims  
presented by Indian groups, bands and  
tribes, in order that our Indian citizens  
may have their claims against the Govern-  
ment considered, adjusted, and finally  
settled at the earliest possible date."



And the Republican Platform provided as follows:

"We pledge an immediate and final settlement of all Indian claims between the Government and the Indian citizenship of the Nation." and

WHEREAS, the passage of such proposed legislation will keep faith with such pledges, and

WHEREAS, the present procedure for handling Indian claims is inadequate, expensive and unsatisfactory and in all likelihood the Court of Claims will be overburdened and cluttered with claims arising out of the present war, and

WHEREAS, the Hon. W. G. Stigler, Congressman from the 2nd. District of Oklahoma, has introduced in the House of Representatives, House Bill No. 1198, the provisions of which are in keeping with the foregoing pledge of the major political parties, and

WHEREAS, the enactment of such a bill will provide a feasible and expeditious method for disposing of Indian Claims against the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SAID STATE CONCURRING THEREIN,

That the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby memorialized to speedily enact legislation to accomplish these purposes in keeping with the foregoing pledges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished each member of the Oklahoma Delegation in Congress, and the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House of Representatives of the United States, and of the Senate of the United States, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior.

Passed the Senate the 23rd day of April, 1945.

DWIGHT LEONARD  
Acting President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of April, 1945.

H. I. HINDS  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This resolution was received by the Secretary of State this 3rd day of May, 1945, at 10:40 o'clock P.M.

F. C. Carter, Secretary of State  
By Frances A. Stanwood

Correctly Enrolled:

Byron Dacus, Chairman,

CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES