AUTHORIZE A PER CAPITA PAYMENT FROM TRIBAL FUNDS TO THE KIOWA, COMANCHE, AND APACHE INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

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Mr. Harrelld, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT
[To accompany S. 5200]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5200), to authorize a per capita payment from tribal funds to the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Indians of Oklahoma, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass with the following amendment:

In lines 8, 9, and 10, strike out the words “being their share of the money derived from the south half of the Red River”.

This bill, as amended, has the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, as is set forth in letter from him under date of February 4, 1927, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 4, 1927.

Hon. J. W. Harrelld,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
United States Senate.

My Dear Senator Harrelld: This will refer further to your letter of January 15 transmitting, for report and recommendation, a copy of S. 5200, to authorize a payment of $200,000 to the Kiowa, Apache, and Comanche Indians of Oklahoma, from the trust fund created by Public Resolution No. 36, dated June 12, 1926 (44 Stat. L. 740).

This resolution authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior to set aside and administer as a trust fund for the benefit of the Indians mentioned 67 1/4 per cent of the net amount accruing to the United States from oil wells in the south half of the Red River under the decision rendered by the Supreme Court on May 1, 1922, in the case of Oklahoma v. Texas. The fund amounts to approximately $1,235,705.

The Indians, through the tribal council, have urgently asked that the payment be made to provide them with funds for their spring farming activities and other purposes; however, the authority of Congress will be necessary therefor.

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The language in lines 8 and 9, "being their share of the money derived from the south half of the Red River," was intended to describe the nature of the trust fund; however, it is perhaps somewhat confusing and may, therefore, for the sake of clearness, be omitted.

Under the circumstances, and as the money belongs to the Indians, if thus amended, it is recommended that S. 5200 be enacted into law.

The Director of the Bureau of the Budget advises that this report is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.