

CARL J. REID DUSSOME

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 15410]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 15410) authorizing the enrollment of Carl J. Reid Dussome as a Kiowa Indian and directing issuance of trust patents to him to certain lands of the Kiowa Indian Reservation, Okla., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

The letter from the Secretary of the Interior fully sets forth the reasons why this measure should be enacted and is made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 7, 1927.

Hon. SCOTT LEAVITT,
*Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. LEAVITT: Further reference is made to your letter of December 20, 1926, transmitting for report copy of H. R. 15410, a bill to authorize the enrollment of Carl J. Reid Dussome as a Kiowa Indian and directing the issuance of trust patent to him for certain land on the Kiowa Indian Reservation, Okla.

The records of this department show that Mr. Dussome is a mixed-blood Chippewa and Sioux Indian. Having married an Indian woman of the Kiowa Tribe, and being desirous of remaining with her people, he made application for adoption, which the chiefs and headmen of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes, on November 7, 1906, unanimously accepted. His adoption was formally approved by this department on June 27, 1908.

Mr. Dussome has obtained no rights as an Indian of the Sioux or Chippewa Tribes, and formal relinquishment of such rights to which he might have been entitled by reason of his Sioux and Chippewa blood was required and given.

The land desired by Mr. Dussome is the NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, T. 6 N., R. 16 W., of the Indian meridian, Oklahoma, containing 160 acres, appraised at \$2,000.

This tract is included in the Rainy Mountain School Reserve, which is in territory ceded to the United States under article 6 of the agreement of October 6, 1892, with the Indians above mentioned, ratified by the act of June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 678). The land is no longer needed for administrative purposes, and it is therefore subject to allotment or other disposition through congressional action, or may be sold, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, under the act of June 30, 1913 (38 Stat. 92). In the event of sale under the 1913 act, the Indians of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes would be entitled to the proceeds in excess of \$1.25 per acre in support of their hospitals.

The tribal business committee was given an opportunity to express its views upon the proposed allotment, and on January 17, 1927, the committee reported unfavorably, the reasons advanced being that the land is needed for unallotted children, and because additional funds are required for the hospital fund, which could be obtained through sale of the land. It was also intimated that Mr. Dussome's adoption into the tribe was irregular. However, the record of that matter does not support this contention.

Mr. Dussome has been living with these Indians for the past 20 years. He has raised a family of six children, and is reported to be honest, industrious, and as setting an excellent example among his wife's people.

By the act of June 18, 1926 (44 Stat. 153), 480 acres of the Rainy Mountain School Reserve were allotted to three individuals, and the act of January 29, 1925 (43 Stat. 795), authorized an allotment of 160 acres out of the Mount Scott Reserve.

In view of the facts herein set out, the relinquishment by Mr. Dussome of all his right with the Chippewa and Sioux Indians, and his adoption into the Kiowa Tribe, it appears to this department that the interests of himself, his wife, and their six children warrant favorable consideration of H. R. 15410, and it is respectfully recommended that the proposed legislation be given favorable action by your committee and the Congress.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.