

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1780

To provide for the settlement of claims of the Menominee Indian Tribe  
of Wisconsin.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 1999

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PAYMENT.**

4       The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to the Me-  
5       nominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, out of any funds in  
6       the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro-  
7       priated, \$32,052,547 for damages sustained by the Me-  
8       nominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin by reason of—

9               (1) the enactment and implementation of the  
10       Act entitled “An Act to provide for a per capita dis-

1       tribution of Menominee tribal funds and authorize  
2       the withdrawal of the Menominee Tribe from Fed-  
3       eral jurisdiction”; approved June 17, 1954 (68 Stat.  
4       250 et seq., chapter 303); and

5               (2) the mismanagement by the United States of  
6       assets of the Menominee Indian Tribe held in trust  
7       by the United States before April 30, 1961, the ef-  
8       fective date of termination of Federal supervision of  
9       the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

10   **SEC. 2. EFFECT OF PAYMENT.**

11       Payment of the amount referred to in section 1 shall  
12   be in full satisfaction of any claims that the Menominee  
13   Indian Tribe of Wisconsin may have against the United  
14   States with respect to the damages referred to in that sec-  
15   tion.

16   **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT.**

17       The payment to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wis-  
18   consin under section 1 shall—

19               (1) have the status of a judgment of the United  
20       States Court of Federal Claims for the purposes of  
21       the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Use or Distribu-  
22       tion Act (25 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.);

23               (2) be made in accordance with the require-  
24       ments of that Act on the condition that after pay-

1       ment of attorneys fees and expenses of litigation, of  
2       the remaining amount—

3               (A) not less than 30 percent shall be dis-  
4       tributed on a per capita basis; and

5               (B) no more than 70 percent shall be set  
6       aside and programmed to serve tribal needs,  
7       including—

8               (i) educational, economic development,  
9       and health care programs; and

10              (ii) other programs as the cir-  
11       cumstances of the Menominee Tribe of  
12       Wisconsin may justify; and

13              (3) not be used to purchase land for the pur-  
14       pose of having such land taken into trust for the  
15       benefit of the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin.

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