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Resolution No. 56-27

# Tribal Business Council

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION


- WHEREAS, S. 2151, a bill "To provide for the segregation and pro rata distribution of certain funds of the Fort Berthold Indians on the basis of a Membership roll prepared for such purpose" has been cleared and passed by the Senate of the United States Congress, and
- WHEREAS, The above identical legislation H R 10,221 is now pending on the House side of the United States Congress, and
- WHEREAS, Unauthorized delegation interfered and high pressured Congressman Usher L. Burdick to recommended to the House of Representatives that a small emergency per capita payment be made to the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes from their funds on deposit to credit in the U. S. Treasury, for farming purposes, and
- WHEREAS, This same unauthorized group now have filed a 3 Item petition with the House Committee on Indian Affairs one of their items is to oppose approval of the S. 2151, and
- WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior's report of December 27, 1955 on the Bill S. 2151 gives a full accounting of the balance of the tribal funds remaining in the U. S. Treasury awarded to the tribes under the Public Law 437, which are the funds involved, in the Bill S. 2151, and
- WHEREAS, To carry out small per capita payment to each enrolled member will require withdrawal of considerable amount of funds invalidating the Secretary's report, and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, North Dakota, that we do hereby reiterate and reassert the resolution of Tribal Council No. 56-6 dated January 12, 1956, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we respectfully request Congressman Usher L. Burdick, not to amend the Bill S. 2151 when it is considered by the House Committees. Nor entertain the petition filed by the Unauthorized group because such procedure will interfere and impede the orderly consideration of the Bill S. 2151, now H R 10,221.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Original copy of this resolution be sent to Congressman Usher L. Burdick, and copies be sent to, Congressman Otto Krueger, Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Commissioner of Indian Affairs and other authorities concerned with Bill S. 2151.


CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 10 members, of whom 8 constituting a quorum were present at a Special meeting thereof, duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 6th day of April, 1956; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members passed, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. Chairman not voting.

Dated this 6th day of April, 1956.

  
Samuel B. Matthews, Secretary of the  
Tribal Business Council of the Three  
Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold  
Reservation

Attest:

  
Martin Cross, Chairman  
Tribal Business Council

Recommended for approval:

  
R. B. McKee, Superintendent  
Fort Berthold Agency

Signed: April, 1956.