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Tribal Business Council

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

April 12, 1956

Honorable Usher L. Burdick
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Otto:

A General Council meeting was called, noticed and convened on April 11, 1956 at 2 o'clock P. M., at New Town Auditorium, New Town, North Dakota.

At this meeting the question of the progress and status of the legislation S. 2151 and H. R. 10,221 and one new 3 item petition filed by unauthorized group with the House Committee on Indian Affairs by unauthorized group were the basis of the discussions.

Carl Whitman Jr and Ben Young Bird, leaders of the unauthorized group and also sponsors of the 3 item petition were on hand and actually defended the actions of their group. Tribal Council members were on hand to explain the status and to defend the legislation S. 2151 and H. R. 10,221.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rose Crow Flies High and seconded by Mrs. Pearl Mary Wolf, that the tribal members support the tribal council and their legislation S. 2151 and H. R. 10,221, thereby reject the petitioners plan of full per capita payment under their request.

Remarks on the motion, a number of people besides the Tribal Council members, and Ben Young Bird and Carl Whitman Jr., group, were given privilege to express their views on the motion pro or con.

After due deliberation, Chairman called for a vote by standing vote and Clerks counted 121 for motion and 9 against.

All 8 Districts were represented by district roll call vote.

Mr. L. P. Towle, Assistant Area Director and Superintendent R. B. McKee, were present by request to represent their office respectively, and both made statements that this said new 3 item petition has never been presented to them for their consideration.

The foregoing report is send you in condensed form so as to give you the idea of reaction of the people.