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**Letter from US Senator William Langer to Representative Burdick
Regarding Bill to Extend Expiration Date of Act Authorizing the
Negotiation and Ratification of Certain Contracts with Certain
Indians of the Sioux Tribe in Order to Extend the Time for
Negotiation and Approval of Such Contracts, January 22, 1952**

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22 , 19 52

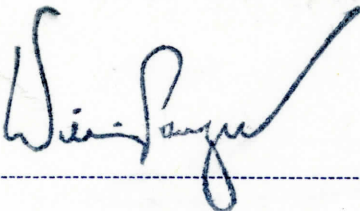
Respectfully referred to

Hon. Usher L. Burdick
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Usher:

Attached is the copy of the bill, S. 548, which I introduced yesterday, on the basis of the letter from Attorney J. K. Murray of Bismarck (copy attached) indicating the need for the extension of the expiration date of Public Law 870, 81st Congress.

If you concur, would you kindly introduce a companion measure today inasmuch as the expiration date of the present law is January 31, 1953.



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LANGER

To amend the Act authorizing the negotiation and ratification of certain contracts with certain Indians of the Sioux Tribe in order to extend the time for negotiation and approval of such contracts.

That
section 5 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the negotiation and ratification of separate settlement contracts with the Sioux Indians of Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota and of Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota and North Dakota for Indian lands and rights acquired by the United States for the Oahe Dam and Reservoir, Missouri River development, and for other related purposes", approved September 30, 1950 (64 Stat. 1093), as amended, is amended by striking out "twenty-eight months" and inserting in lieu thereof "forty months".

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January 15, 1953

Re: Oahe Dam Matter

Honorable William Langer
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re settlement of damages in connection with the purchase of certain Indian lands from the Indians of Standing Rock Reservation, I am enclosing herewith a formal petition for extension of the date of expiration of Public Law 870, 81st Congress, H.R. 5372, Under the Act which was approved September 30, 1950, the time of expiration is January 31, 1953. Present indications indicate there is grave danger that this contract, together with the reports in connection therewith, will not be properly executed within the time necessary for filing with the Congress.

Please submit this petition to the Congress forthwith and try and obtain the necessary extension. It may be the Congress will not feel that they should extend this Act to the Cheyenne Tribe. If there is any objection on that feature, they can extend it to the Standing Rock Indian Tribe.

Will you kindly wire me the prospects pertaining to this extension so I can report to the Army, the Indian Service and the Tribe.

Yours truly,

/s/ JKM
/t/ J. K. Murray

JKM/a
cc: Honorable Shas. Spencer, Sup't.
Standing Rock Reservation
Fort Yates, North Dakota

83^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 548

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1953

Mr. LANGER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

A BILL

To amend the Act authorizing the negotiation and ratification of certain contracts with certain Indians of the Sioux Tribe in order to extend the time for negotiation and approval of such contracts.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 5 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize
4 the negotiation and ratification of separate settlement con-
5 tracts with the Sioux Indians of Cheyenne River Reserva-
6 tion in South Dakota and of Standing Rock Reservation in
7 South Dakota and North Dakota for Indian lands and rights
8 acquired by the United States for the Oahe Dam and Reser-
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By Mr. LANGER

JANUARY 21, 1953

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 That section 2 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize
4 the negotiation and ratification of certain settlement con-
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7 South Dakota and North Dakota for Indian lands and rights
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