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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

Last Day - October 29

October 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

KEN COLE

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bills S. 1412 and S. 1411
Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Indian
Lands, North and South Dakota

Attached for your consideration are Senate bills, S. 1412 and S. 1411, sponsored by Senators McGovern and Abourezk. S. 1412 would transfer, in trust status, 90.24 acres of Federal land to the Sisseton and Wahpeton Tribe of Sioux Indians of the Lake Traverse Reservation in North and South Dakota. S. 1411 would authorize the tribe to consolidate its landholdings within the reservation.

Roy Ash recommends approval and provides you with additional background information in his enrolled bill report (Tab A).

We have checked with Secretary Morton, the Counsel's office (Chapman), and Bill Timmons who recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign both Senate bills, S. 1412 (Tab B) and S. 1411 (Tab C).

APPROVED
OCT 26 1974

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

OCT 18 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bills S. 1412 and S. 1411 - Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Indian Lands, North and South Dakota
Sponsor - Sen. McGovern (D) South Dakota and Sen. Abourezk (D) South Dakota

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Last Day for Action

October 29, 1973 - Tuesday

Purpose

S. 1412 would transfer in trust 90.24 acres of Federal land to the Sisseton and Wahpeton Tribe of Sioux Indians of the Lake Traverse Reservation in North and South Dakota, and S. 1411 would authorize the tribe to consolidate its land-holdings within the reservation.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of the Interior	Approval
Department of Justice	No objection (S. 1412) Defers to Interior (S. 1411)

Discussion

Some 2,000 members of the Sisseton and Wahpeton Sioux reside on the 108,876-acre Lake Traverse Reservation, which lies in the extreme northeastern corner of South Dakota, with a small portion located in North Dakota. Of the total tribal land base, only 876 acres are owned by the tribe, while individual members hold 108,000 acres in trust allotments.



These individual allotments are intermixed with non-Indian lands throughout a much larger area, and three-quarters of them have multiple owners because they have been divided among heirs over the course of several generations.

S. 1412 would transfer to trust status four tracts totaling 90.24 acres, and S. 1411 would authorize the tribe to acquire additional lands by purchase or exchange and to consolidate its landholdings.

The four tracts which would be placed in trust by S. 1412 were all acquired by the United States for the building of schools and offices, and are now being used by the tribe under long-term permits from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They are:

- a 40-acre tract on which a day school is operating, and upon which the tribe is developing a housing project;
- a second 40-acre tract with a day school;
- a 10-acre tract containing a former school building now used for treatment of alcoholics; and,
- a .24-acre tract in the town of Sisseton, South Dakota, once used as a site for the local agency office and now used for tribal offices.

All four tracts are within the boundaries of the reservation and generally meet the criteria usually applied to transferring Government-owned lands to tribes. The first three are bounded by or corner on trust land, and, while the small fourth tract is in the predominantly non-Indian town of Sisseton, the town itself lies in the heart of the reservation.

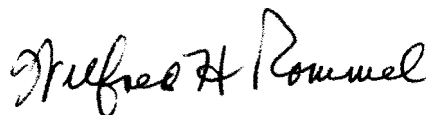
Although S. 1412 provides for transfer of the lands without consideration, it contains the standard set-off provision which directs the Indian Claims Commission to determine whether and to what extent the value of the land transferred should be set off against any pending claims against the United States.

The other enrolled bill, S. 1411, would authorize the tribe to acquire by purchase, gift or exchange any lands or interests in lands within the boundaries of the reservation in order to consolidate its holdings and eliminate partial interests in the lands allotted to individuals. Title to such acquisitions would be taken by the United States in trust, and all lands acquired would be granted the customary exemption from State and local taxation.

S. 1411 would also authorize the tribe to sell unneeded lands under various conditions designed to ensure that the value received by the tribe is equivalent to the value given up. The bill specifies that the proceeds from such sales must be used exclusively for the purchase of other land on the reservation. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, any tribal land could be mortgaged, and if so, it would become subject to sale or foreclosure under the laws of the State in which it was located.

The tribe was awarded some \$3 million in 1973 in settlement of a claim before the Indian Claims Commission, and has set aside \$300,000 to acquire land. The multiple-ownership situation and "checkerboarded" nature of allotments make rational economic development of the land quite difficult, but enactment of S. 1411 would provide the authority needed to help alleviate the problem. Many other tribes have been granted similar authority.

In its report to the Congress, Interior recommended enactment of both bills if amended in certain respects. The committees accepted the suggested amendments and the bills were passed with no further changes.



Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WARREN HENDRIKS

FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *WT*

SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No. 678
Enrolled Bills S. 1412 and S. 1411 - Sisseton-
Wahpeton Sioux Indian Lands, North and
South Dakota

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 678

Date: October 21 1974

Time: 11:30 a.m.

FOR ACTION: Michael Duval
Phil Buchen
Bill Timmons

cc (for information): Warren K. Hendriks
Jerry Jones
Paul Theis
Norm Ross

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, October 24, 1974 Time: 2:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bills S. 1412 and S. 1411 - Sisseton-
Wahpeton Sioux Indian Lands, North and South
Dakota

ACTION REQUESTED:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Agenda and Brief | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Reply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For Your Comments | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Remarks |

REMARKS:

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Warren K. Hendriks
For the President

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*No objection
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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

OCT 17 1974

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

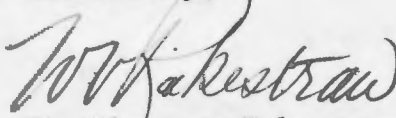
Dear Mr. Ash:

In compliance with your request, I have examined a facsimile of the enrolled bill (S. 1412), "To declare that certain federally owned lands are held by the United States in trust for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota."

Section 1 of the bill provides that approximately 90.24 acres of land in South Dakota are to be held by the United States in trust for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe. Under section 2, the conveyance is made subject to the right of the United States to use and improve certain portions of the land. Section 3 sets forth the standard setoff provision with respect to litigation conducted before the Indian Claims Commission.

The Department of Justice has no objection to Executive approval of this bill.

Sincerely,



W. Vincent Rakestraw
Assistant Attorney General



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

OCT 17 1974

Dear Mr. Ash:

This responds to your request for the views of this Department on enrolled bill S. 1412, "To declare that certain federally owned lands are held by the United States in trust for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota."

We recommend that the President approve the enrolled bill.

S. 1412 would declare that all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain lands in the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation are held in trust by the United States subject to all valid existing rights-of-way of record, for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe.

The four tracts placed in trust by this bill were all acquired by the United States for school and administrative purposes. Tract No. 1, known as Enemy Swim Day School, containing 40 acres, was purchased in 1938 from the heirs of the original allottee for a consideration of \$800. Improvements on this parcel are a day school building and employee's quarters. The day school is still in operation, but it is anticipated that it will be phased out within two to three years. The tribe is presently developing a housing complex on 30 acres of this tract. Tract No. 2, the Big Coulee Day School, containing 40 acres, was also purchased in 1938; the consideration was \$600. A day school and employee's quarters are the only improvements on this tract. The tribe is operating a Headstart program in the day school and would like to build a housing complex elsewhere on the site. This tract and its improvements are appraised at \$1,540.

Tract No. 3 is a part of a 40-acre parcel acquired in 1939 and 1940 for \$600. In 1960, 30 acres were sold, leaving 10 acres in federal ownership. This ten acre tract was conveyed to the Long Hollow School District in 1960, subject to reversion upon the discontinuance of its use for school purposes. The school closed, and the property was quit-claimed back to the United States on March 23, 1970. The tribe is using the school building and living quarters as a half-way house for the treatment of alcoholics. The property is appraised at \$9,000.

The last tract described in the bill consists of four lots in the original townsite of Sisseton, South Dakota, and contains 0.24 acres. The government acquired these lots in 1922 and 1927, for a total consideration of approximately \$600. They were used as sites for the agency office and superintendent's quarters. Presently the tribe uses the property for administrative purposes. The land and improvements are appraised at \$10,500.

All four tracts are located within the exterior boundaries of that portion of the Lake Traverse Reservation located in the State of South Dakota. Tract No. 1 is bounded by tribal trust land on the east, north, and west. Tract No. 2 is bounded by trust land on the west. Tract No. 3 corners on trust land at the southwest. Each of these tracts are located in an area heavily populated by Indians, some of whom live on individually owned trust land. Although the four lots in Tract No. 4 are located in the predominately non-Indian town of Sisseton, the town lies in the heart of the Lake Traverse Reservation. The Sisseton Agency has been located in the town since 1922, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs operates a day school there; Indian children from surrounding areas are bussed to this school. The Indian residents of the town constitute about one-third of its population.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has no long-term need for any of the tracts, and the tribe is currently using the tracts under permit from the Bureau.

In our report to the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, dated January 24, 1974, we recommended that these tracts be donated to the tribe in trust with a condition concerning Tract Nos. 1 and 2, so that through our amendment the Secretary of the Interior could continue to utilize them as long as necessary. With regard to this recommendation, we noted that on July 23, 1971, the Tribal Council enacted a resolution requesting this legislation and indicated its willingness that certain Bureau activities be continued as long as necessary at the Big Coulee and Enemy Swim Sites (the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of the Lake Traverse Reservation is organized under a Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the members of the tribe on August 1-2, 1966).

While enrolled bill S. 1412 adopts this recommendation as Section 2, the section contains a provision which limits the Secretary's use of the tracts to three years. We have no objection to the imposition

of the three year limit. Any use or improvement upon the tracts by the Secretary would be for the benefit of the tribe. Also, we believe that the operations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs upon the tracts would be phased out within the next two to three years.

Our report further recommended that a Section 3 be added to S. 1412, an addition containing a standard offset provision with respect to potential Indian Claims Commission awards to this tribe. S. 1412 incorporates this recommendation as Section 3.

Sincerely yours,


Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO: W. Hendricks

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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Approval

Department of the Interior

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DECLARING THAT CERTAIN FEDERALLY OWNED LANDS ARE HELD BY THE UNITED STATES IN TRUST FOR THE SISSETON-WAHPETON SIOUX TRIBE OF THE LAKE TRAVERSE INDIAN RESERVATION IN NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA

JUNE 11, 1974.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. ABOURÉZK, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1412]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to which was referred the bill (S. 1412) to declare that certain federally owned lands are held by the United States in trust for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of S. 1412 is to declare that all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain lands in the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation are held in trust by the United States for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, subject to all valid, existing rights of way of record and subject also to a condition that two of the tracts be utilized by the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of operating day schools.

II. BACKGROUND

The four tracts which would be placed in trust by this bill were all acquired by the United States for school and administrative purposes. Tract No. 1, known as Enemy Swim Day School, containing 40 acres, was purchased in 1938 from the heirs of the original allottee for a consideration of \$800. Improvements on this parcel are a day school building and employee's quarters. The day school is still in operation, but it is anticipated that it will be phased out within two to three years. The tribe is presently developing a housing complex on 30 acres of this

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III. NEED

The tribe presently has only 876.90 acres of trust land. Its members hold slightly in excess of 108,000 acres of trust allotments, all of which are highly checkerboarded, with approximately 75 percent of the allotments being in multiple ownership. This acreage would provide the tribe with needed additional lands for improving their social and economic well-being.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has no long-term need for any of the tracts, and the tribe is currently using the tracts under permit from the Bureau.

IV. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Senator McGovern introduced S. 1412, for himself and Senator Abourezk, on March 28, 1973. Hearings were held before the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs on January 25, 1974, and the bill was ordered reported to the full Interior Committee.

V. COST

Enactment of S. 1412 will not result in any additional expenditure of funds by the Federal Government.

VI. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in open executive session on May 16, 1974, unanimously ordered S. 1412, as amended, reported favorably to the Senate.

VII. AMENDMENTS

Upon the recommendation of the Department of the Interior the Committee amended S. 1412 as follows:

On page 2, after line 15, add the following new Sections 2 and 3:

SEC. 2. This conveyance is subject to the right of the United States to use and improve such portions of tracts numbered 1 and 2 as the Secretary of the Interior may determine for so long as he deems necessary.

SEC. 3. The Indian Claims Commission is directed to determine in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 1050), the extent to which the value of the title conveyed by this Act should or should not be set off against any claim against the United States determined by the Commission.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The favorable reports of the Department of the Interior and the Office of Management and Budget are set forth in full as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., January 24, 1974.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your request for the views of this Department on S. 1412, a bill "To declare that certain federally owned lands are held by the United States in trust for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota."

We recommend enactment of this bill, if amended as suggested herein.

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The Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of the Lake Traverse Reservation is organized under a Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the members of the tribe on August 1-2, 1966. On July 23, 1971, the Tribal Council enacted a resolution requesting this legislation and indicated its willingness for certain Bureau activities to be continued as long as necessary at the Big Coulee and Enemy Swim sites. We also recommend that the bill be amended to include a standard offset provision

pertaining to possible awards rendered by the Indian Claims Commission. The amendments would appear in new sections 2 and 3 of the bill:

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The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN H. KYL,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, D.C., February 21, 1974.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate,
New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This letter is in response to your request of April 10, 1973 for the views of the Office of Management and Budget on S. 1412, a bill "To declare that certain federally owned lands are held by the United States in trust for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota."

In its report to your Committee, the Department of the Interior recommends enactment of the bill if amended in two respects. We concur in the views expressed by the Department, and, accordingly, subject to the suggested amendments, would have no objection to the enactment of S. 1412.

Sincerely,

WILFRED H. ROMMEL,
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference.

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Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four*

An Act

To declare that certain federally owned lands are held by the United States in trust for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to land on the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota is hereby declared to be held by the United States in trust for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe described as follows, to wit:

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October 17, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on October 17th:

S.J. Res. 255 ✓	S. 2840 ✓	H.R. 7768	H.R. 14225
S.J. Res. 250 ✓	S. 3007 ✓	H.R. 7780	H.R. 14597
S.J. Res. 251 ✓	S. 3234 ✓	H.R. 11221	H.R. 15148 ✓
S. 355 ✓	S. 3473 ✓	H.R. 11251 ✓	H.R. 15427
S. 605 ✓	S. 3698 ✓	H.R. 11452 ✓	H.R. 15540 ✓
S. 628 ✓	S. 3792	H.R. 11830 ✓	H.R. 15643 ✓
S. 1411 ✓	S. 3838 ✓	H.R. 12035 ✓	H.R. 16857 ✓
S. 1412 ✓	S. 3979 ✓	H.R. 12281	H.R. 17027 ✓
S. 1769 ✓	H.R. 6624	H.R. 13561 ✓	
S. 2348 ✓	H.R. 6642 ✓	H.R. 13631 ✓	

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.