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WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 23, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today praised the signing into law legislation providing for the disposition of funds to pay for three judgement awards by the Indian Claims Commission to the Indians of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

President Nixon signed the legislation providing funds totalling ~~\$5,956,410~~ <sup>\$5,831,902</sup> representing payment for lands excluded from the Iowa Reservation in Southeastern Nebraska by the Treaty of September 1836; for additional payment of land sold in Northeastern Kansas under the Treaty of May 17, 1854; for additional payment to the Iowa Nation for its undivided one-half interest in land in Northeastern Iowa ceded under the Treaty of October 19, 1838; and for land in Southwestern Iowa ceded under the same Treaty.

Dole said, "The Indians of the Iowa Tribes have been waiting over 120 years for this payment. I think the President's action today is entirely just and meritorious." *indicated his desire to see justice done.*

The tribal governments of the Iowa Tribe affected by this legislation have already passed resolutions to govern the distribution of funds. The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma plans to reserve \$25,000 of its share for the administrative expenses of the tribal governing body and for programming, with the remainder being distributed per capita to the tribal members. The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska plans to distribute its entire share per capita to tribal members. The legislation specifies that 61.29 percent of the judgment funds shall go to the Iowas of Kansas and Nebraska and 38.71 percent to the Iowas of Oklahoma.