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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 11, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today urged support for legislation to provide for disposition of funds appropriated to pay judgements in favor of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Dole said, "The Indians of the Iowa Tribes have now been waiting over 120 years for the just settlement of these claims. It has been since December 26, 1969 and July 6, 1970 that Congress acted to appropriate the funds for their settlement."

In a letter to the Senate Interior Committee's Subcommittee on Indian Affairs, Dole strongly urged that the committee join in supporting recent House action providing for the immediate disposition of funds to the tribe.

The subcommittee has scheduled hearings regarding the disposition of funds for May 13 and 14.

The payment would total \$5,956,413 and would represent funds for lands excluded from the Iowa Reservation in southwestern Nebraska by the treaty of September 17, 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.