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WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 9, 1971 -- U. S. Senator Bob Dole said, "I am extremely pleased with the action of the Senate today in passing legislation to provide for the disposition of funds to the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. These claims are 120 years past due."

The awards, totaling \$5,956,413, represent funds for lands excluded from the Iowa Reservation in southeastern Nebraska by the treaty of 1836; for additional payment of land sold in northeastern Kansas under the Treaty of 1854; for additional payment to the Iowa Nation for its undivided one-half interest for land in northeastern Iowa ceded under the Treaty of 1838 and for land in southwestern Iowa ceded under the same treaty.

Dole first introduced legislation in the 91st Congress to effect disposition of these awards. Dole called the Iowa Tribe claims "entirely just and meritorious."

The Kansas Senator said, "The Claims Commission, The Department of Interior, The Office of Management and Budget and even the Congress through the appropriations process have previously expressed approval of these claims. I am pleased that the Senate has given its approval and paved the way for final settlement."

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.