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WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 24, 1971 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) joined with Sen. Jack Miller (R-Iowa.) today in introducing a bill to provide for payment of funds by the Indians Claims Commission to Indians of the Sac and Fox Nation.

The three tribes designated to receive the funds appropriated by Congress in July of 1970 are the Sac and Fox Tribe in Oklahoma, the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa and the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska. The award is for \$10,601,262.66 and represents additional payment for 8,592,000 acres of land in Iowa that the Sac and Fox Nation ceded under treaties in 1837 and 1842.

The bill introduced today would provide that the funds on deposit in the U.S. Treasury for the Sac and Fox Nation be "divided on a percentage basis with 46 per cent to the Sac and Fox of Oklahoma, 39 per cent to the Sac and Fox of Mississippi in Iowa and 15 per cent to the Sac and Fox ^{of} ~~in~~ Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska.

In a statement today urging favorable action on the measure, Dole explained that the distribution formula is based on the relative original land holdings of the tribes. The Kansas Senator said that the tentative distribution plan for the tribe in Kansas and Nebraska is to distribute the greatest percentage of its share per capita with the balance going to programming for tribal activities.

Dole said:

The Sac and Fox Nation has so far received less than 17 cents an acre for their lands ceded to the United States under Treaties of October 21, 1837, and October 11, 1842. The three tribes have requested an additional payment, the Claims Commission has adjudged it, and Congress has appropriated the funds to pay it. It would be a particularly black mark in our nation's otherwise sorry treatment of our Indian people if we should now fail to authorize the payment of this just and reasonable claim.