

APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS

Mr. KING. Mr. President, what disposition was made of Order of Business 1070, House bill 9370, to authorize an appropriation of money to facilitate the apprehension of certain persons charged with crime?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair is informed that that bill was passed heretofore.

KLAMATH, MODOC, AND SNAKE INDIANS, OREGON

The bill (S. 3291) providing for a reimbursable loan to the Klamath and Modoc Tribe of Indians and the Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians, State of Oregon, was announced as next in order.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I will ask the Senator from Montana (Mr. WHEELER) to give us an explanation of that bill.

Mr. MCKELLAR. Mr. President, is it not a fact that the Department reports against the bill?

Mr. STEIWER. Mr. President, the Interior Department reported favorably upon the bill.

Mr. COUZENS. The memorandum we have here says that the Department asked to have it indefinitely postponed.

Mr. STEIWER. No; that was the Bureau of the Budget. The Interior Department reported favorably upon it. The report of the committee sets out the favorable report signed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. MCKELLAR. He says, at the end of his letter:

The Director of the Bureau of the Budget has advised that this proposed legislation would not be in accord with the financial program of the President.

(Signed) HAROLD L. ICKES,
Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. STEIWER. That is true, Mr. President, and the committee considered that; but in view of the circumstances of the case, the committee thought the bill ought to be favorably reported.

Mr. MCKELLAR. May I read further from what the Secretary says?

While some lasting benefits would undoubtedly be gained by some Indians who would share in this distribution, the precedent to be established and the present condition of the Federal Treasury would seem to warrant postponement of action on the bill.

Under the circumstances, I ask to have the bill go over. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

CARL LINDOW

The bill (S. 2673) to correct the military record of Carl Lindow, alias Carl Lindo, was announced as next in order.

Mr. MCKELLAR. Let that go over. That seems to be a very doubtful case.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. LOGAN. Mr. President, will the Senator withhold his objection?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Tennessee withhold his objection?

Mr. MCKELLAR. Certainly.

Mr. LOGAN. This bill was reported by the Senator from Utah (Mr. THOMAS) and I promised him I would look after it for him.

I do not see just why the bill should not be passed. It is one that we thought was very deserving. The Adjutant General reports that he cannot correct military records, all of which is very true. The only way they can be corrected is by the Congress.

I do not find the report on this bill in my file, so I will let it go over until I can find the report.

Mr. KING. I ask to have it go over.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION, ARIZ.

The bill (S. 2499) to define the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona, and for other purposes, was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This bill is the same as House bill 8927, Order of Business 1142.

Mr. HAYDEN. Mr. President, I ask that the House bill be substituted for the Senate bill. The two measures are identical.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Arizona?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 8927) to define the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona, and for other purposes, which was ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, Senate bill 2499 will be indefinitely postponed.

MENOMINEE INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

The bill (H.R. 8541) to provide for the enrollment of members of the Menominee Indian Tribe of the State of Wisconsin was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This bill is the same as Senate bill 3514, Order of Business 1032.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I should like to make an inquiry of my friend from Wisconsin (Mr. LA FOLLETTE), in view of a letter or two which I have received from Indians protesting against these measures for reenrollment, as they call them in their letters. They contend that many injustices have resulted from measures of this kind, and that many will result; that persons will be placed upon the rolls who are not entitled to consideration. Will the Senator make an explanation of this measure, so that I may be advised, and answer those who are writing me?

Mr. LA FOLLETTE. Mr. President, in the first place may I say that this bill applies, of course, only to the Menominees in Wisconsin. The advisory board representing the tribe, as well as the Secretary of the Interior, are in favor of the measure.

The bill does not contemplate what is commonly called a "final roll." What it does contemplate is a continual or current roll. I think the objections which the Senator is receiving are merely against those cases where final rolls have been established, which preclude the right of any other members of the tribe subsequently to be placed upon the rolls. No such procedure is in anticipation under the pending bill, if it shall become law. What is proposed, as I assert, is that there shall be a fluctuating roll. The Secretary of the Interior and the members of the advisory board of the tribe are very anxious to have the roll established.

Perhaps the Senator will remember that this is the tribe of Indians fortunate enough to have a very fine stand of timber in Wisconsin, and they have a mill which they are operating there. The advantage to the members of the tribe in having this fluctuating roll, based upon the procedure contemplated in the bill, is that it tends to retain the ownership of the property in the hands of the Indians, to prevent persons deriving benefit from it who are not entitled to it. Such investigation as I have been able to make of the situation convinces me that the Indians are unanimously in favor of the bill, it has received the approval of the Department, it has passed the House, and I think a good end will be served if the bill shall become a law.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, if I may make one observation, some of the specific charges made to me in regard to measures of this character are that when funds are about to be distributed, as there have been funds distributed from oil, or from the acquisition by the Federal Government of lands belonging to the Indians, Indians claim that they are members of the tribe, and, by fictitious affidavits and what not, their names are placed upon the rolls, and they become beneficiaries, when they ought not to be, of a distributive share of the funds appropriated by the Government.

Mr. LA FOLLETTE. I think such a situation will be prevented under the law contemplated by this bill, because only those may be added to the rolls who are at least one-quarter blood, and in the future those who have been born upon the reservation.

Mr. KING. I have no objection.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which was ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. LA FOLLETTE. I ask that Senate bill 3514 be indefinitely postponed.

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