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PAYMENT TO RED LAKE INDIANS FOR GARDEN PLATS SURRENDERD FOR SCHOOL FARM USE

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Mr. HARRELD, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 4460]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4460) authorizing payment to certain Red Lake Indians, out of the tribal trust funds, for garden plats surrendered for school farm use, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

The facts are fully set forth in House Report No. 274, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4460) authorizing payment to certain Red Lake Indians, out of Chippewa Indian funds, for garden plats surrendered for school farm use, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill authorizing payment to certain Red Lake Indians, out of the tribal trust funds, for garden plats surrendered for school farm use."

The need of this legislation is fully set forth in the letter from the Secretary of the Interior which is made a part of this report.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 12, 1924.

HON. HOMER P. SNYDER,
*Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. SNYDER: In response to your request of February 1, 1924, for a report on H. R. 4460, "A bill authorizing payment to certain Red Lake Indians, out of Chippewa Indian funds, for garden plats surrendered for school farm use," I have the honor to advise you that its provisions, except in one particular, are practically identical with those contained in H. R. 5853, Sixty-seventh Congress, first session, and its enactment is desired.

The former bill, which was favored in this department, authorized the withdrawal from the Treasury of the United States of not to exceed \$700, whereas the present bill authorizes the withdrawal of not to exceed \$1,000. The Indians for whose relief the proposed appropriation is requested were promised, as the testimony shows, that adequate reimbursement in some form would be made to them for loss of their garden plats which had been taken for Indian school farm purposes. When the original bill was drafted, it was estimated that \$700 would cover all legitimate claims. However, since only such amount will be expended as may be actually necessary to pay the legitimate claims, no reduction in the amount authorized in the present bill is recommended; but it is suggested that the title be amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2 thereof, the words "Chippewa Indian" and inserting after the word "of," in line 1, the words "the tribal trust," making that part of the title read, "Authorizing payment to certain Red Lake Indians, out of the tribal trust funds."

So amended, the bill will be satisfactory in all particulars.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.