

Being filed herewith is a further statement by our attorney Robert D. Dellwo who is speaking in more detail for the Coeur d'Alene, Spokane and Kalispel Tribes.

The existence of Section 7 in the Yakima Enrollment Act is one of the most unfair, unjust and inequitable things that exists in Indian law. As Mr. Dellwo relates, there is a great frequency of intermarriage between our tribal members and those of other tribes, including those of the Yakima, Colvilles, Flatheads, Kalispels, Nez Perce, Spokanes and Yakimas all inherit land interests on our reservation. Our members likewise inherit land interests on all the other reservations—EXCEPT ON THE YAKIMA RESERVATION.

In the case of the Yakima Tribe, its members can inherit freely on our reservation, but brothers, sisters and spouses in the same family cannot inherit on the Yakima Reservation. We have many allotments on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation in which Yakima Indians have inherited interests. These are often split families where one spouse is Coeur d'Alene and the other Yakima. Part of the children may be on the Coeur d'Alene rolls and part on the Yakima rolls. The "Yakima" children inherit their parent's interests on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation, but the Coeur d'Alene children do not inherit those on the Yakima. We could cite many other examples, all illustrating the unfairness of Section 7.

We strongly urge the enactment of S. 1764.

Spokane Resolution

Whereas, the Spokane Tribe is vitally interested in the enactment of H.R. 7653 and S. 1764 which, if enacted, would repeal Section 7 of the Yakima Enrollment Act which has worked so many injustices on our reservation and among our people, and

Whereas, our interests in seeking repeal of said Section 7 are identical to those of the Warm Springs Tribe, the Umatilla Tribe, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the Kalispel Tribe and, in fact, all the tribes of Oregon, Idaho and Eastern Washington in which there is a frequency of intermarriage with Yakima Indians and of families that are part Yakima and part some other tribe, now, therefore,

Be It Resolved: That the Spokane Tribe does hereby announce its support for H.R. 7653 and S. 1764 and urges their enactment into law.

In announcing our support for these bills and urging the repeal of said Section 7, we hereby adopt as if set out in this resolution the following statements submitted in behalf of other tribes by our attorney Robert D. Dellwo.

We adopt and approve all of the comments in the statement dated January 26, 1968 entitled "Statement of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon" and submitted and signed by their attorney Owen M. Panmer. We also adopt and approve the statement that the Warm Springs Tribe will file in the hearings before the Senate Interior Committee on S. 1764. Everything said in this statement would apply to the Spokane Tribe.

We adopt and approve all the comments in the statement dated January 23, 1968 entitled "Statement on Behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Support of H.R. 7653" submitted and signed by the tribe's attorney Mark C. McClanahan. We also adopt the similar statement the Umatilla Tribe will file in the Senate hearings on S. 1764. As in the case of the Warm Springs Tribe every comment that Mr. McClanahan makes in that statement would apply with equal force on the Spokane Reservation.

We adopt as a part of this resolution the statement being filed by Robert D. Dellwo, dated March 1, 1968, as attorney for the Spokane, Coeur d'Alene and Kalispel Tribes.

As each of the attorneys explains, nothing is more inequitable than the fact of the Yakima Indians inheriting freely on each of our reservations while our tribal members, often children or spouses in the same families, cannot inherit on the Yakima Reservation.

We urge the enactment of S. 1764.

Kalispel Resolution

Whereas, the Kalispel Tribe has members who have been adversely affected by Section 7 of the Yakima Enrollment Act which would be repealed by S. 1764, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalispel Tribe does hereby express its support for S. 1764.