

April 22, 1946. Secretary of the Interior replies to the Chairman's request. A copy of the Secretary of the Interior's letter, follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR,
Washington, D.C., April 22, 1946.

Hon. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. JACKSON: The Secretary has received your letter of April 18 requesting a report on H.R. 6165 introduced by Mr. Holmes.

A report will be submitted to your Committee at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT J. SLAUGHTER,
Chief, Legislative Division.

No record of any such report, which was promised by the Secretary was ever received by the Committee.

April 16, 1946. A memorandum for the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, signed by W. H. Flanery, Chief Indian Division, Department of the Interior, a copy of which is as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR,
Washington, D.C., April 16, 1946.

Memorandum for the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Attached is a copy of a draft of a bill to provide for the preparation of a membership roll of the Indians of the Yakima Reservation, Washington, and for other purposes. This bill has been drafted after a number of discussions over the past week with the Yakima delegation of Indians, composed of Messrs. Yallup, Seelatsee, So Happy, and Saluskin. In the preparation of the draft we have merely tried to put in legislative form the thoughts the Indians themselves have. It has been explained to them that the bill, if introduced, will be referred to this Department for report and that the initial report will be prepared in your office and submitted to the Congress through the usual channels. It has been made clear to them that our participation in the drafting of the bill carries no commitment with respect to the kind of report that may be made on the bill. The Indians propose to have their representatives in the Congress introduce the bill.

W. H. FLANERY,
Chief, Indian Division.

April 26, 1946. A memorandum for the Commissioner of Indian Affairs supplementing the memorandum of April 16, 1946, as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR,
Washington, D.C., April 26, 1946.

Memorandum for the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Supplementing my memorandum to you of April 16 enclosing a copy of a draft of a bill to provide for the preparation of a membership roll of the Indians of the Yakima Reservation, Washington, I am enclosing a suggested substitute for section 7 of the bill, copies of which were handed to the members of the Yakima delegation after they had arranged for the introduction of the bill.

Section 7, as originally drafted, was defective in failing to make it clear that the provisions of that section extended to lands, and the proceeds derived therefrom, located on the Yakima Reservation, or in the ceded area, which the decedent might have acquired by inheritance or devise from prior deceased Indians whether the prior deceased Indians were members of the tribe or not. The suggested substitute should have your consideration in drafting a report on the bill, which has been introduced as H.R. 6165.

W. H. FLANERY,
Chief, Indian Division.

No record of any hearings held on the bill (H.R. 6165) by the House Committee on Indian Affairs.

July 10, 1946. Reported to the House (H. Report No. 2484) by the Chairman of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, recommending its passage with an amendment deleting section 7 and substitute the following words: