

I will place in the record a list of laws sponsored or cosponsored by myself as I mentioned earlier. These are to assist the Indians of New Mexico.

(The document referred to follows:)

LIST OF LAWS SPONSORED OR COSPONSORED BY SENATOR
ANDERSON TO ASSIST THE INDIANS OF NEW MEXICO

INDIAN EDUCATION

Public Law 87-273

The amount of funds that could be appropriated under the Indian Vocational Training Act of 1956 was limited to \$3.5 million annually with \$500,000 for administration. Many adult Indians seeking training for employment could not get into the program because of these limitations.

Senator Anderson met this need by getting passed authorization for increases in these limits from \$3.5 million to \$7.5 million and from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

HEALTH CARE INDIANS

Public Law 81-483

In the late 1940's a general hospital was needed in New Mexico to provide for the treatment of Indians. Albuquerque had become the medical center of the State and Bernalillo County had provided funds toward this end. The State of New Mexico had complied with the provisions of the Hill-Burton Act and had become eligible to receive a substantial contribution from the Federal Government under its hospital construction program.

Senator Anderson cosponsored legislation to authorize the appropriation of \$1,500,000 to be used toward the construction of a joint County-Indian hospital in Bernalillo County which could provide 100 beds for the use of New Mexico's Indians. The bill became law on October 31, 1949 and the end result was the construction of the Bernalillo County-Indian Hospital in Albuquerque.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN TRIBES

Public Law 88-163

In the prosecution of claims before the Indian Claims Commission there was a need for the various Indian tribes to have expert witnesses to testify in their behalf. The tribes, for the most part, were financially unable to bear the cost of such assistance. Senator Anderson and Senator Church sponsored legislation to provide this assistance.

WATER AND SANITATION FACILITIES FOR INDIANS

Public Law 86-121

When the duties of the Department of the Interior relating to the maintenance and operation of health facilities for Indians were transferred to the Public Health Service in 1954, powers concerning sewage disposal, water supplies, and other sanitation facilities became uncertain.

Senator Anderson cosponsored legislation expanding the powers of the Surgeon General under the 1954 Act to permit the construction of sanitation facilities and safe water supplies on Indian reservations. This legislation became law on July 31, 1959.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE TO NAVAJO INDIANS

Public Law 84-568

The Act of June 7, 1924 authorized an annual appropriation of \$20,000 to be used for maintenance of a portion of the Gallup-Durango Highway across the Navajo Reservation. These funds were to be reimbursed from tribal funds of the Navajo Indians. The Gallup-Durango Highway is a part of the New Mexico Highway system and the Indians should not be required to finance maintenance from tribal funds. Senator Anderson sponsored legislation to repeal this law and relieve the Indians of this financial obligation.