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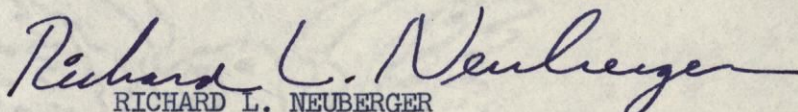
Dear Mr. Relander:

I am herewith enclosing copies of the legislation concerning the mid-Columbia Indians. I want you to know that I share your concern over the future welfare of these descendants of our original Americans.

Good luck to you in your writing career and in your historical studies.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


RICHARD L. NEUBERGER
United States Senator

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Encl.

[Enclosure, 25 Mar 55]

From the Office of
RICHARD L. NEUBERGER
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1373

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 1955

MR. MURRAY (for himself, Mr. GOLDWATER, Mr. DWORSHAK, Mr. WELKER, Mr. MANSFIELD, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. MORSE, Mr. NEUBERGER, and Mr. BARRETT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

A BILL

To promote the economic use of Indian lands, alleviate and adjust the heirship problem involved in Indian trust or restricted allotments, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That the purpose of this Act is to achieve a solution for
4 the problem caused by inheritance of multiple interests in
5 trust or restricted lands of individual Indians, provide for
6 economic utilization of Indian landholdings, and decrease
7 the cost to the United States of administration of multiple
8 interests and uneconomic Indian landholdings.

9 SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Act: (a) "Secretary"

1 means the Secretary of the Interior; (b) "lands" means
 2 any real property, interest therein, or improvements thereon,
 3 including water and subsurface rights lying within or ad-
 4 jacent to any Indian reservation; (c) "tribe" means any
 5 Indian tribe, band, community, or Indian group; and (d)
 6 "plan" means any code for carrying out the purposes of this
 7 Act referred to in section 1, including authorization for, or
 8 limitations upon, action by any person or authority, as set
 9 forth therein, and programs or proposed courses of action
 10 (whether comprehensive in nature for the land problems
 11 of the particular tribe or dealing with a limited aspect
 12 thereof), which become effective as provided in sections 3
 13 and 4 of this Act.

14 SEC. 3. (a) Any tribe may propose to the Secretary,
 15 or the Secretary may propose to any tribe, a plan for the
 16 solution of any problems relating to tribally owned lands or
 17 to restricted or trust lands held by any members of the tribe
 18 or by persons to whom title has devolved through members
 19 by devise, descent or otherwise. Upon approval of a tribal
 20 plan by the Secretary, or upon the approval by the particu-
 21 lar tribe of a plan proposed by the Secretary, transfers of
 22 land pursuant to the plan are hereby authorized. Any tribe
 23 preparing a plan may call upon the Secretary for technical
 24 assistance and the Secretary shall render such assistance as
 25 may be necessary. Any plan may be amended or modified

1 from time to time with the approval of both the tribe and the
 2 Secretary.

3 (b) A plan may include provisions for—

4 (1) transfer of land, including transfer by purchase,
 5 sale, exchange, grant, or assignment, to or from indi-
 6 vidual heirs or devisees from or to the tribe, its members,
 7 third persons, or the United States, notwithstanding any
 8 present provisions of law restricting transfers of Indian-
 9 owned or held land, subject to the limitations con-
 10 tained in section 6 hereof;

11 (2) consolidation of holdings of the tribe or of any
 12 individual; or acquisition of sufficient lands in conjunc-
 13 tion with those held to permit reasonable economic utili-
 14 zation of the land;

15 (3) sale or partition of land owned by more than
 16 one heir or devisee, upon application of any owner, or
 17 owners, holding an interest of at least 20 per centum,
 18 notwithstanding nonconsent or the minority or legal or
 19 mental incompetence or absence of any other owner and
 20 including partition in kind, or sale with partition of the
 21 proceeds;

22 (4) use of tribal funds, appropriated funds, funds
 23 from private sources, as a whole or part of the purchase
 24 price of any acquisition of lands referred to herein, sub-
 25 ject to such provisions for repayment, Federal loan guar-

1 anties, means of enforcing liens, mortgages, deeds of
2 trust, or other security as shall be appropriate to the
3 purposes of this Act; and

4 (5) loans to members to enable them to establish
5 agricultural, business, or commercial enterprises on lands
6 the ownership of which has been adjusted under the pro-
7 visions of the foregoing subsections.

8 SEC. 4. Any plan which has not been disapproved by
9 the Secretary within ninety days following its submission
10 shall take effect as an approved plan. If a plan is disap-
11 proved, the Secretary shall specify what features of the
12 plan are unsatisfactory, and shall within six months propose
13 alternative provisions which would remedy the defect or
14 defects.

15 SEC. 5. No restriction upon alienation of any lands of
16 which the beneficial title may be taken by any individual
17 Indian pursuant to any plan as herein provided shall be
18 for a duration longer than that generally applicable to other
19 restricted or trust lands owned by members of the tribe.

20 SEC. 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4
21 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 985; 25 U. S. C.,
22 sec. 464), a plan may authorize the sale or exchange of
23 restricted tribal land under the conditions provided by the
24 plan, only if this feature of the plan is authorized by a
25 majority vote of the adult members of the tribe voting at a

1 special election held for that purpose. The Secretary shall
2 call such special election under such rules and regulations
3 as he may prescribe, when requested to do so by the tribal
4 council or other governing body or by 20 per centum of the
5 enrolled adults of the reservation.

6 SEC. 7. Any transaction entered into under this Act
7 shall be subject to any existing lease of lands or right to
8 extension or renewal thereof.

9 SEC. 8. Funds appropriated under section 10 of the Act
10 of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986), may be used for the
11 purposes of this Act. In addition, there are hereby author-
12 ized to be appropriated such sums as are required to carry
13 out the purposes of this Act, which may be established in
14 revolving funds, repayments to be credited to the fund and
15 available for the purposes for which the fund was established.

16 SEC. 9. Except and to the extent provided by a plan
17 which becomes effective, nothing contained herein shall be
18 construed to diminish the powers possessed by any tribe,
19 or to limit in any manner the authority of the Secretary
20 under existing law, to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose
21 of Indian trust or restricted lands.

22 SEC. 10. The Secretary shall make provisions for the
23 recording of all transfers of interests in land under the terms
24 of this Act.

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SHAK, Mr. WELKER, Mr. MANSFIELD, Mr.
YOUNG, Mr. MORSE, Mr. NEUBERGER, and Mr.
BARRETT

MARCH 8, 1955

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84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1215

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 1955

Mr. MORSE (for himself and Mr. NEUBERGER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Interior and
Insular Affairs

A BILL

Relating to the claims of the Mid-Columbia River Indians
against the United States arising out of the construction
of the Dalles Dam.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the Chief of Engineers is authorized, for the purposes
- 4 of the last proviso in the paragraph entitled "Construction,
- 5 General" in the Civil Functions Appropriation Act, 1954,
- 6 to negotiate with the Mid-Columbia River Indian Right
- 7 Council, or any agent or attorney designated by such council,
- 8 as the representatives of the Indians whose names appear
- 9 on the roll prepared under section 2, in connection with
- 10 their claims arising out of the construction, operation, or

1 maintenance of the Dalles Dam, Columbia River, Oregon
2 and Washington.

3 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized
4 and directed to prepare, at the earliest practicable date,
5 a roll of the individual Indians who—

6 (a) through domicile at or in the vicinity of the
7 Dalles Dam and through custom and usage, or through
8 membership in a recognized tribe, are found to have an
9 equitable interest in the fishery at Celilo Falls; and

10 (b) on the date of enactment of the Civil Functions
11 Appropriation Act, 1954, were domiciled at or in the
12 vicinity of the Dalles Dam.

13 SEC. 3. Any amounts determined to be payable to the
14 Indians whose names appear on the roll prepared under
15 section 2 of this Act, in connection with their claims arising
16 out of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the
17 Dalles Dam, shall be paid to such Indians individually, or to
18 the guardians of those who may be minors or of unsound
19 mind, except that no such payment shall be made to any
20 Indian who is an enrolled member of a recognized tribe
21 unless he executes a waiver, in such form as may be pre-
22 scribed by the Secretary of the Interior, of all right to or
23 interest in any amounts payable to such tribe or the members
24 thereof in connection with their claims arising out of the
25 construction, operation, or maintenance of the Dalles Dam.

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A BILL

BY MR. MORGAN AND MR. ZIMMERMAN

FOR THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN SENATE

A BILL

Relating to the claims of the Mid-Columbia
River Indians against the United States
arising out of the construction of the Dallas
Dam.

By Mr. MORSE and Mr. NEUBERGER

FEBRUARY 25, 1955

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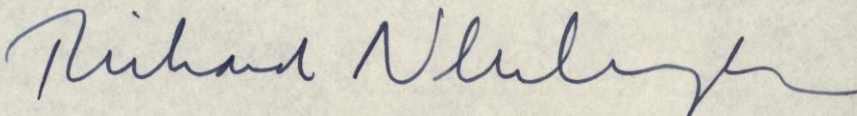
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Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you very much for the clippings. It was a very appropriate thing the PUD did in immortalizing the name Wanapum by giving it to one of the dams. Your thoughtfulness is to be commended. I am sure America's original citizens will all be pleased.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



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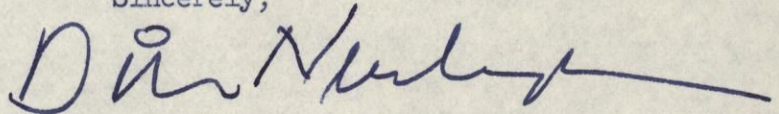
Dear Mr. Relander:

I am anticipating the arrival of the booklet on the Treaty Centennial, and I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in forwarding a copy to me. Certainly this "once in a hundred years" occasion warranted such publication, and I am sure it will very ably and appropriately commemorate the occasion.

Give Alex Saluskin my regards and accept my best wishes for the great occasion that you celebrate.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,



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