

Urges Wires, Letters In Favor of S.2906

The Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska late last month sent out an urgent call to its members of the organization that messages be sent to all key people in the U.S. government urging passage of the native land claims bill.

President of the organization, John Borbridge, declared in part:

"...You are urged to send letters or telegrams, or both,

as promptly as possible as follows in order that we might obtain early consideration and action with respect to S.2906 and the identical companion bill, H.R.15049."

Borbridge singled out President Lyndon Johnson that messages be sent to him regarding land matters.

"...The President should respectfully be urged to give his personal support so that the bill may be entered as promptly as possible during the current session of Congress," he said.

Borbridge urged that messages be sent to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall:

"The communications," he said. "to Secretary Udall should, in substance, respectfully urge that he send his report on S.2906 and H.R.15049 to Congress as promptly as possible and that he give his full support to the provisions of the bill."

Borbridge mentioned others: The Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, chairman, Interior

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and Insular Affairs Committee, House of Representatives; Honorable James A. Haley, chairman, Indian Affairs Subcommittee, House.

Borbridge specifically urged that the two men above be sent messages, 1) "request hearings be held as promptly on H.R. 15049 and 2) urge that they give their full support to the prompt enactment of the bill."

Messages to Sen. Henry M. Jackson, chairman, Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, U.S. Senate:

"...1) request that Sen. Jackson arrange for the earliest possible consideration of S.B. 2906 by the Senate, and 2) urge that he give his full support in obtaining the enactment of the bill by the Senate as early as possible during this session of Congress."

To Alaska Senators Ernest Gruening and E. L. (Bob) Bartlett:

"...1) request that they do everything in their power to obtain prompt consideration and action by the Senate on S.B. 2906 during this session of Congress and 2) urge that they give their full support to the enactment of the bill,"

To Congressman Howard W. Pollock:

"...Request that he do everything in his power and

obtain the cooperation of his colleagues, 1) in arranging for a hearing at as early a date as possible on H.R. 15049, and 2) in securing the prompt enactment of the bill."

Borbridge also urged the members of his organization that they seek to have other prominent citizens of Alaska send letters and telegrams to those mentioned above,

He also urged that other messages be sent to the following:

Sen. Charles E. McGovern, chairman, Indian Affairs Subcommittee on the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Senate; Rep. E. Y. Berry, a ranking Republican member of the Indian Affairs Subcommittee on the Interior and Insular Affairs, House, pertaining to H.R. 15049;

Rep. John P. Saylor, a ranking Republican, Interior and Insular Affairs, House.

In his communication to the Tundra Times, John Borbridge stated:

"We have submitted this information to hearten those of our people, who may feel that there is a lack of activity in promoting support of these bills, and we also urge that more communications of this type could be solicited with your help."