
RELIEF OF MARY SKY NECKLACE—VETO MESSAGE

M E S S A G E

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

RETURNING

WITHOUT APPROVAL THE BILL (S. 1696) ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR
THE RELIEF OF MARY SKY NECKLACE"

JULY 29 (calendar day, AUGUST 21), 1935.—Read; referred to the Committee on
Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed

To the Senate:

I return herewith, without my approval, S. 1696, "An act for the relief of Mary Sky Necklace."

The bill provides for the payment to the county of Bon Homme, S. Dak., of the sum of \$374.43 in settlement of its claim against Mary Sky Necklace for taxes assessed against property which she purchased, with the approval of the Office of Indian Affairs, from trust funds held to her credit by the Federal Government, and with an understanding on her part that the property would be nontaxable.

It does not seem to me that the Federal Government is properly chargeable with any obligation to pay the taxes on such property, either as to the accumulated taxes contemplated by the bill, or as to the future taxes which, by that principle, would be assumed to be a governmental obligation as long as the land remained in Indian ownership.

There are, moreover, many cases of a similar character, for which this proposed enactment would constitute an unwise precedent.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE, August 21, 1935.

S. 1696

SEVENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AT THE FIRST SESSION, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JANUARY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT For the relief of Mary Sky Necklace

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the county of Bon Homme, South Dakota, the sum of \$374.43 in full settlement of its claim against Mary Sky Necklace for taxes assessed against lots 10 and 11, block 42, in the city of Springfield, South Dakota, purchased for, and with trust funds of, Mary Sky Necklace, or Mrs. Amos H. Necklace, said property having been purchased with the understanding on her part that the said property would be nontaxable: *Provided,* That payment hereunder shall constitute full settlement of all claims of said Mary Sky Necklace against the United States for such taxes: *Provided further,* That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with said claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in connection with said claim, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

JOSEPH W. BYRNS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JNO. N. GARNER,

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

[Endorsement on back of bill:]

I certify that this act originated in the Senate.

EDW. A. HALSEY, *Secretary.*