

VETO MESSAGE ON H. R. 5229, A BILL DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO INVESTIGATE, HEAR, AND DETERMINE CLAIMS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE STOCKBRIDGE AND MUNSEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITHOUT HIS APPROVAL THE BILL H. R. 5229, "AN ACT DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO INVESTIGATE, HEAR, AND DETERMINE CLAIMS OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE STOCKBRIDGE AND MUNSEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN"

AUGUST 12, 1935.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed

To the House of Representatives:

I return, without approval, H. R. 5229, "An Act directing the Secretary of the Interior to investigate, hear, and determine claims of the individual members of the Stockbridge and Munsee Tribe of Indians of the State of Wisconsin".

The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to investigate and decide claims of individual members of the Stockbridge and Munsee Tribe but is not clear as to just what individuals would be authorized to file claims, the exact nature thereof, or the amount involved. The only individual claims which have been brought forward are those of persons who claimed to be members of the Stockbridge and Munsee Tribe of Indians but whose claims were disallowed when the rolls of the tribe were prepared.

It would require great expense to investigate the merits of any and all claims which might be asserted by an individual Indian, with little prospect of any benefits to be derived.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

The WHITE HOUSE,
August 12, 1935.

H. R. 5229

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 Directing the Secretary of the Interior to investigate, hear, and determine claims of the individual members of the Stockbridge and Munsee Tribe of Indians of the State of Wisconsin.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to investigate, hear, and determine the claims of the individual members of the Stockbridge and Munsee Tribe of Indians of the State of Wisconsin: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided further,* That the claims which shall be investigated under this Act shall be individual claims for allotments of land and for loss of personal property, timber or logs, or improvements on allotments belonging to any such Indian. In the event the original claimant is dead, such claim or claims may be presented by his or her heirs. If any such claims shall be considered meritorious, the Secretary of the Interior shall adjust and pay the same where there is existing law therefor, and such other meritorious claims he shall report to Congress with his recommendations.

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 House of Representatives

SOUTH TRIMBLE, *Clerk.*

