

99TH CONGRESS
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H.R. 3534

To provide for the disposition of funds appropriate to pay a judgment in favor of the Cowlitz Tribe of Indians in Indian Claims Commission docket numbered 218 and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 1985

Mr. DICKS (for himself and Mr. BONKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

A BILL

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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 funds appropriated by the Act of July 1, 1973 (87
4 Stat. 99), to pay a judgment to the Cowlitz Tribe of Indians
5 in Indian Claims Commission docket numbered 218, together
6 with the interest thereon, after payment of attorney fees and
7 litigation expenses, shall be distributed as provided herein.

1 SEC. 2. The Secretary shall set aside 100 per centum of
2 the judgment award and interest accrued thereon, for lawful
3 purposes authorized by the Cowlitz Tribal Council and the
4 purchase of land for the Cowlitz Tribe. Said funds are to be
5 made available immediately for the purchase of land in fee
6 patent until such time as the tribe becomes federally recog-
7 nized or acknowledged, at which time the land becomes the
8 Cowlitz Reservation to be taken in trust for the tribe by the
9 Department of the Interior.

10 SEC. 3. None of the funds held in trust under the provi-
11 sions of this Act, including all interest and investment income
12 accrued thereon while such funds are held in trust, shall be
13 subject to Federal or State income taxes, nor shall such funds
14 nor their availability be considered as income or resources
15 nor otherwise utilized as the basis for denying or reducing the
16 financial assistance or other benefits for any tribal member to
17 which such member or his household would otherwise be en-
18 titled under the Social Security Act or any Federal or feder-
19 ally assisted program in accordance with section 7 of the Act
20 of October 19, 1973 (87 Stat. 466), as amended.

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