

APPROPRIATION FOR INDIANS.

JANUARY 5, 1886.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MILLIKEN submitted the following resolutions of the Maine legislature relating to United States appropriation for Indians :

Whereas, believing that the education of Indians and their voluntary citizenship in the United States will most justly, quickly, and economically solve the Indian problem: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they hereby are, requested to aid in the passage of resolutions solemnly pledging the faith of the nation to the Indian policy embodied in the following principles :

First. That the unpaid sum pledged for educational purposes by the Government as part payment for the cession of lands by Indians be appropriated for the purchase of stock, farming implements, and tools for Indian manual-labor schools.

Second. That so much of the net proceeds of the sale of public lands as may be necessary shall be set apart for the purpose of creating a permanent fund for the education of Indians.

Third. That lands in severalty, making their titles inalienable for twenty-five years, and United States citizenship may be granted at once to all Indians who so desire.

Fourth. That the legal personality of all Indians may be granted, and that protection of law may be given them, as it is to all other races within these United States.

Fifth. That the civilization of Indians may be hastened by providing for and rewarding their civilized industries.

Sixth. That the salaries of Indian agents be sufficiently increased to secure good men of large capacity and business experience, and to retain them in service.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *March 5, 1885.*

Read and passed finally.

CHARLES HAMLIN, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, *March 5, 1885.*

Read and passed finally.

WILLIAM D. PENNELL, *President.*

MARCH 5, 1885.

Approved.

FREDERICK ROBIE, *Governor.*

A true copy.

Attest:

ORAMANDEL SMITH,
Secretary of State.

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