

The following recommendation is presented to the conference: That the Indians be informed of the services available to them from state and federal agencies in matters pertaining to their education, health, and general welfare. Too many times the Indian is in ignorance as to his rights and privileges and quite often state organizations that have dealings with Indians assume the attitude that since he is an Indian he can receive aid from the federal government, and, therefore, the organizations have little interest in assuming any responsibility. In order that all agencies of the state and the Indians in particular can be informed of what is available in the way of assistance, it is recommended that the Commission of Indian Affairs and/or the State of Oklahoma set up a socio-economic study to determine what is available to the Indians so that a more intelligent approach can be made toward a proper solution and that this study report to the various agencies their findings so that they can coordinate their activities in providing satisfactory services to the Indians.

A separate recommendation was made by this committee, sponsored by Allen Quetone, of Tulsa, and Jack Davidson, of Keota, to the effect that under the present laws of the State of Oklahoma and the federal government, an Indian, to be eligible for old-age assistance, must sell his trust property and reserve only forty acres for homestead exemption. The committee recognizes that this is an unfair hardship on the Indians who have this land in trust and they recommend immediate action to relieve this unfair situation that has been imposed on our senior Indian citizens.

Mr. George Roberts, of Pawnee, who is chairman of the Pawnee Tribal Council, presented the following resolution concerning the Indian Claims Commission:

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