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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: KEN COLE  
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill S. 3358  
Trust Land, Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Oklahoma

Attached for your consideration is S. 3358, sponsored by Senator Bartlett, which would authorize the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to convey title to 33 acres of land to the United States to be held in trust for them. The transfer to trust status would enable the tribe to apply for grants and loans under the Economic Development Act in order to develop commercial and industrial sites.

OMB recommends approval and provides additional background information in its enrolled bill report (Tab A).

Max Friedersdorf (Loen) and Phil Areeda both recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign S. 3358 (Tab B).



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 29 1974

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Oklahoma  
Sponsor - Sen. Bartlett (R) Oklahoma
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Oklahoma  
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Oklahoma  
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Miami, Oklahoma  
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Last Day for Action

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of the Interior	Approval

Discussion

S. 3358 and S. 3359 would convey title to tracts of land already owned by the tribes named in each bill to the United States to be held in trust for the same tribes. S. 521 and S. 2888 would each declare that a certain tract

of Federally-owned land is to be held in trust for the Indians named therein. Interior testified favorably on each of the four bills before the House and Senate Interior Committees.

S. 3358 would authorize the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to convey title to 33 acres which it purchased from the U.S. in 1964 to the Secretary of the Interior, who would then hold the tract in trust for the tribe. The land, which abuts Highway 18 near the city of Shawnee, Oklahoma, is valued at \$50,000. Improvements include a hospital, which tribal officials have leased to the Public Health Service, and an office building. Transferring the land to trust status would enable the tribe to apply for grants and loans under the Economic Development Act in order to develop commercial and industrial sites.

Similarly, S. 3359 would authorize the Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians to convey seven tracts of land amounting to about 280 acres to the Secretary of the Interior to be held in trust. The tracts comprise a compact block of land and are located approximately one mile south of the city of Shawnee. The Citizen Band obtained fee title to one of the tracts from the U.S. in 1960 and to the other six in 1964, and now leases the tracts for agricultural purposes. This tribe also desires to have their lands placed in trust in order to apply for assistance under the Economic Development Act.

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Interior recommended that the lands be transferred in fee rather than in trust since the U.S. could not hold lands in trust for the nonrecognized tribes, all four of which had once been Federally recognized but whose recognition was terminated under various Acts in 1954 and 1956. The committee instead amended the bill to withhold the interests of these four tribes so long as they are not Federally recognized, but set a deadline of 5 years for them to qualify for recognition.

While we would have greatly preferred that S. 2888 provide for transfer in fee rather than in trust, we join with Interior in recommending approval of it and the other three enrolled bills since the various Indian groups involved will receive important economic benefits from these transfers.



Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference

Enclosures



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

**DEC 24 1974**

Dear Mr. Ash:

This responds to your request for the views of this Department on enrolled bill S. 3358, "To authorize the conveyance of certain lands to the United States in trust for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma."

We recommend that the President approve the enrolled bill.

As enrolled, S. 3358 would authorize the tribal officials of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to convey title, subject to all existing valid rights, to a 33.32 acre tract of land and the improvements thereon to the United States in trust for the tribe. The title would be accepted by the United States when the conveyance was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The property is located between the City of Shawnee, (the County Seat of Pottawatomie County) and the City of Tecumseh, and about one and one-half miles south of the North Canadian River. Its western boundary abuts on U.S. Highway No. 18. The tract and its improvements were acquired and operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a part of the Shawnee Indian School and Agency Reserve, specifically as the Indian Hospital and Sanatorium. When the facilities were closed the property became excess to the needs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was conveyed in fee to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians by the Secretary of the Interior as authorized by the provisions of the Act of August 11, 1964 (78 Stat. 392).

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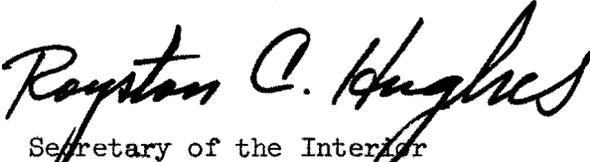
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The Tribal Business Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma adopted a resolution, AS-72-3, on July 6, 1971, reaffirming the tribe's desire of Congressional action to place the property in trust status. On February 18, 1974, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Shawnee passed and approved Resolution No. 4525 endorsing H.R. 9219 and H.R. 11890, similar bills to declare that the United States holds this land and improvements in trust for the tribe.

The fee status of this land is a contributing factor to the inability of the tribe to better utilize it. The Economic Development Act provides that tribally owned land which is held in trust may receive EDA designation and qualify for loans or grants if the tribes are otherwise eligible. Transferring the land to trust status would permit the tribe to apply for such designation and to develop commercial and industrial sites which could assist in alleviating the unemployment problems of the tribal people and others in the Shawnee area. Such designation might also provide funds for upgrading the buildings located on the land and for better utilization of the improvements. The present fee status of the land largely excludes benefits which might be available from other Federal agencies and the benefit of services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in management and development of the land. Should the property remain in its current status, the tribal officials anticipate little possibility of obtaining the necessary funding and technical services to develop the potential beneficial use of the property. Accordingly, we concur in the tribal request to transfer its title in trust.

Sincerely yours,

  
Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Honorable Roy L. Ash  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, D. c. 20503



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(signed) Wilfred H. Koppel

Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

Date: December 30, 1974

Time: 5:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION:

Mike Duval  
Max Friedersdorf  
Phil Areeda

cc (for information):

Warren Hendriks  
Jerry Jones  
Jack Marsh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Tuesday, December 31

Time: 2:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bills:

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If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately. Warren K. Hendriks For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

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K. R. COLE, JR.  
 For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 31, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WARREN HENDRIKS

FROM:

*Max L. Friedersdorf*

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT:

Action Memorandum - Log No. 919

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the Agencies that the enrolled bill should be signed.

Attachments

## AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LANDS TO THE UNITED STATES IN TRUST FOR THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

MAY 23, 1974.—Ordered to be printed  
Filed under authority of the order of the Senate of May 22, 1974

Mr. BARTLETT, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,  
submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 3358]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to which was referred the bill (S. 3358) to authorize the conveyance of certain lands to the United States in trust for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of S. 3358 is to authorize the tribal officials of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to convey title to a tract of land, including the improvements thereon, amounting to approximately 33 acres, to the United States, which will accept the conveyance upon approval of the Secretary of the Interior and hold the tract in trust for the Tribe, subject to all valid existing rights.

#### II. BACKGROUND

The property is located between the City of Shawnee, (the County Seat of Pottawatomie County) and the City of Tecumseh, and about one and one-half miles south of the North Canadian River. Its western boundary abuts on U.S. Highway No. 18. The tract and its improvements were acquired and operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a part of the Shawnee Indian School and Agency Reserve, specifically as the Indian Hospital and Sanatorium. When the facilities were closed the property became excess to the needs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was conveyed in fee to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of

Indians by the Secretary of the Interior as authorized by the provisions of the Act of August 11, 1964 (78 Stat. 392).

The improvements on this land consist of a hospital building, five residences with garages, a pump house, nurses' quarters and an office building. The estimated value of the tract itself is \$50,000. The estimated value of all the buildings is \$181,250. The tribe paid taxes of \$1,057 on the property in 1969. The land and buildings have not been assessed taxes since 1969 because of their use by the tribe and its lessees. Although the land is agricultural in character, it is not of sufficient size to lease for agriculture purposes. Its highest and best use is for residential and commercial purposes and for light industry.

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### III. NEED

The fee status of this land is a contributing factor to the inability of the tribe to better utilize it. The Economic Development Act provides that tribally owned lands which are held in trust may receive EDA designation and qualify for loans or grants if the tribes are otherwise eligible. Transferring the land to trust status would permit the tribe to apply for such designation and to develop commercial and industrial sites which could assist in alleviating the unemployment problems of the tribal people and others in the Shawnee area. Such designation might also provide funds for upgrading the buildings located on the land and for better utilization of the improvements. The present fee status of the land excludes, to a great extent, benefits which might be available from other Federal agencies and the benefit of services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in management and development of the land. Should the property remain in its current status, the tribal officials anticipate little possibility of obtaining the necessary funding and technical services to develop the potential beneficial use of the property. The Tribal Business Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma adopted a resolution, on July 6, 1971, reaffirming the tribe's desire for Congressional action to place the property in trust status. On February 18, 1974, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Shawnee passed and approved a resolution endorsing legislation to declare that the United States holds this land and improvements in trust for the tribe. The Department of the Interior has recommended enactment of this bill.

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Senator Bartlett introduced S. 3358 on April 11, 1974. Hearings were held by the Indian Affairs Subcommittee on May 13, 1974, and the bill was ordered reported to the full Interior Committee.

#### V. COST

Enactment of S. 3358 will not result in any additional expenditure of funds by the Federal government.

#### VI. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in open mark-up on May 16, 1974, unanimously ordered S. 3358 favorably reported to the Senate.

#### VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The favorable report of the Department of the Interior on S. 3358 is set forth in full as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, D.C., May 13, 1974.*

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,  
*Chairman Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your request for the views of this Department on S. 3358, a bill "To authorize the conveyance of certain lands to the United States in trust for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma."

We recommend that this bill be enacted.

S. 3358 would authorize the tribal officials of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to convey title to a 33.23-acre tract of land and the improvements thereon to the United States in trust for the tribe. The title would be accepted by the United States when the conveyance was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The property is located between the City of Shawnee, (the County Seat of Pottawatomie County) and the City of Tecumseh, and about one and one-half miles south of the North Canadian River. Its western boundary abuts on U.S. Highway No. 18. The tract and its improvements were acquired and operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a part of the Shawnee Indian School and Agency Reserve, specifically as the Indian Hospital and Sanatorium. When the facilities were closed the property became excess to the needs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was conveyed in fee to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians by the Secretary of the Interior as authorized by the provisions of the Act of August 11, 1964 (78 Stat. 392).

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The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN KYL,  
*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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# Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four*

## An Act

To authorize the conveyance of certain lands to the United States in trust for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the duly authorized tribal officials of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma are hereby authorized to convey to the United States in trust for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma the following described land and the improvements thereon, subject to all valid existing rights, and the United States will accept such conveyance when approved by the Secretary of the Interior:

All that part of the northeast quarter southwest quarter section 31, township 10 north, range 4 east, Indian meridian, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma, described as: Beginning at a point 1,320 feet south and 726 feet west of the northeast corner of said northeast quarter southwest quarter; thence north 220.44 feet; thence west 594 feet to the point of intersection with the west line of said northeast quarter southwest quarter; thence north along the west line a distance of 439.56 feet to the midpoint of the west line of said northeast quarter southwest quarter; thence east a distance of 17 feet to the intersection of the west right-of-way line of Oklahoma State Highway Numbered 18; thence northeasterly along said west right-of-way line a distance of 493 feet; thence east 1,485 feet to the west right-of-way line of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way; thence southwesterly along said west right-of-way line a distance of 1,228 feet to a point in the south line of said northeast quarter southwest quarter, said point being 129 feet west of the southeast corner of said northeast quarter southwest quarter; thence west along the south line of said northeast quarter southwest quarter a distance of 597 feet to the point of beginning; containing 33.23 acres, more or less.

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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