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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 4016 - Sac and Fox Indians Judgment Funds Distribution Act. This bill provides for the disposition of funds appropriated to pay certain judgments in favor of the Sac and Fox Indians made by the Indian Claims Commission.

In addition to providing for the actual distribution of judgment funds, H.R. 4016 also provides for the division of funds between the Sac and Fox Tribes on the basis of numbers of members enrolled as of a certain date; provides for correcting the Tribal census rolls; permits utilization of judgment funds for purposes approved by Tribal councils and the Secretary of the Interior; and exempts per capita payments under the Act from Federal or State income taxes and from consideration as income or resources under the Social Security Act or any other federally assisted program, such as Food Stamps.

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