

IOWA AND OKLAHOMA BANDS OF SAC AND FOX INDIANS.

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MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RELATING TO

**THE CONTROVERSY AS TO CERTAIN DISPUTED RIGHTS BETWEEN THE IOWA AND OKLAHOMA BANDS OF THE SAC AND FOX INDIANS, AND RECOMMENDING THAT A MEASURE BE PASSED BY THE CONGRESS TURNING OVER THE WHOLE MATTER TO THE COURT OF CLAIMS.**

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FEBRUARY 19, 1907.—Read; referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

At the last session I found myself unable to sign House bill No. 10133, in reference to certain disputed rights between the Iowa and Oklahoma bands of the Sac and Fox Indians. After careful investigation of the subject and on the advice of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, I recommend that a measure be passed by the Congress turning over the whole controversy just as it stands to the Court of Claims with full power to determine the legal and equitable rights involved and to render judgment.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 19, 1907.*