Public Law 90-526

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide that it be the sense of Congress that a White House Conference on Aging be called by the President of the United States in 1971, to be planned and conducted by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, and for related purposes.

Whereas the primary responsibility for meeting the challenge and problems of aging is that of the States and communities, all levels of government are involved and must necessarily share responsibility; and it is therefore the policy of the Congress that the Federal Government shall work jointly with the States and their citizens, to develop recommendations and plans for action, consistent with the objectives of this joint resolution, which will serve the purposes of—

1. assuring middle-aged and older persons equal opportunity with others to engage in gainful employment which they are capable of performing; and
2. enabling retired persons to enjoy incomes sufficient for health and for participation in family and community life as self-respecting citizens; and
3. providing housing suited to the needs of older persons and at prices they can afford to pay; and
4. assisting middle-aged and older persons to make the preparation, develop skills and interests, and find social contacts which will make the gift of added years of life a period of reward and satisfaction; and
5. stepping up research designed to relieve old age of its burdens of sickness, mental breakdown, and social ostracism; and
6. evaluating progress made since the last White House Conference on Aging, and examining the changes which the next decade will bring in the character of the problems confronting older persons; and

Whereas it is essential that in all programs developed for the aging, emphasis should be upon the right and obligation of older persons to free choice and self-help in planning their own futures: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the President of the United States is authorized to call a White House Conference on Aging in 1971 in order to develop recommendations for further...
research and action in the field of aging, which will further the policies set forth in the preamble of this joint resolution, shall be planned and conducted under the direction of the Secretary who shall have the cooperation and assistance of such other Federal departments and agencies, including the assignment of personnel, as may be appropriate.

(b) For the purpose of arriving at facts and recommendations concerning the utilization of skills, experience, and energies and the improvement of the conditions of our older people, the conference shall bring together representatives of Federal, State, and local governments, professional and lay people who are working in the field of aging, and of the general public, including older persons themselves.

(c) A final report of the White House Conference on Aging shall be submitted to the President not later than one hundred and twenty days following the date on which the Conference is called and the findings and recommendations included therein shall be immediately made available to the public. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare shall, within ninety days after the submission of such final report, transmit to the President and the Congress his recommendations for the administrative action and the legislation necessary to implement the recommendations contained in such report.

ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 2. In administering this joint resolution, the Secretary shall—

(a) request the cooperation and assistance of such other Federal departments and agencies as may be appropriate in carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution;

(b) render all reasonable assistance, including financial assistance, to the States in enabling them to organize and conduct conferences on aging prior to the White House Conference on Aging;

(c) prepare and make available background materials for the use of delegates to the White House Conference as he may deem necessary and shall prepare and distribute such report or reports of the Conference as may be indicated; and

(d) in carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution, engage such additional personnel as may be necessary without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive civil service, and without regard to chapter 57 and subchapter 111 of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Sec. 3. The Secretary is authorized and directed to establish an Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Aging composed of not more than twenty-eight professional and public members, a substantial number of whom shall be fifty-five years of age or older, and, as necessary, to establish technical advisory committees to advise and assist in planning and conducting the Conference. The Secretary shall designate one of the appointed members as Chairman. Members of any committee appointed pursuant to this section, who are not officers or employees of the United States, while attending conferences or meetings of their committees or otherwise serving at the request of the Secretary, shall be entitled to receive compensation at a rate to be fixed by the Secretary but not exceeding $75 per diem, including traveltime, and while away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized under section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code for persons in the Government service employed.
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AN ACT

To authorize the use of funds arising from a judgment in favor of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes of Indians of Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the funds on deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes that were appropriated by the Act of June 19, 1968 (Public Law 90-352), to pay a judgment by the Indian Claims Commission entered in dockets numbered 258 and 259, and the interest thereon, after deducting attorney fees and litigation expenses, shall be distributed by the Secretary of the Interior per capita to the persons whose names appear on a roll approved by the Tribes on May 20, 1960, as the basis for distributing a prior Indian Claims Commission judgment, after such roll has been brought current by said tribes, with the technical assistance of the Secretary, (1) by adding the names of children of enrollees who were born on or prior to and were living on the date of this Act, (2) by adding the names of persons who were eligible for enrollment on the May 20, 1960 roll, but were not enrolled, and their children, if they were living on the date of this Act, and (3) by deleting the names of persons who were deceased on the date of this Act.

(b) The Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes or their authorized representatives shall prescribe a date by which evidence of eligibility for enrollment must be submitted.

(c) The cost of bringing such roll current, and the cost of making the per capita distribution, shall be paid by appropriate withdrawals from funds on deposit in the United States Treasury to the credit of said tribes in such amounts as the tribes and the Secretary may approve, and not out of said judgment and interest thereon.

(d) On approval of the roll by the Secretary, payment shall be made directly to each enrollee, or his heirs or legatees upon proof of death and inheritance satisfactory to the Secretary, whose findings shall be final and conclusive, except that a share or interest therein payable to a person under twenty-one years of age or to a person under legal disability shall be paid in accordance with such procedure as the Secretary, with the advice of the tribes, determines appropriate to protect his best interests.

(e) Funds distributed per capita pursuant to this Act shall not be subject to Federal or State income taxes.

Approved September 28, 1968.