

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.
USET RESOLUTION NO. 74-25

H.J. Res. 1117

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives will on November 18 be voting on House Joint Resolution 1117, a resolution to establish an American Indian Policy **Review Commission**, a companion resolution to S.J. Res. 133, which has passed in the Senate, and

WHEREAS, this legislation is extremely important to the future of Indian policy in the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the proposed resolution has received a minimal amount of Indian input during the hearing process, and

WHEREAS, the proposed resolution is not specific on the criteria to be used in selecting the five Indian members of the proposed Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., urges the members of Congress to support legislation of this sort which will contribute to the clarification of Indian policy and the furtherance of Indian self-determination, and

RESOLVED further that USET, Inc., urges members of the House of Representatives to consider amending the legislation to provide that of the three Indian members from recognized tribes, two be selected from recommendations submitted by the National Tribal Chairmen's Association and one from recommendations submitted by executive members of the National Congress of American Indians; that the one Indian member representing urban Indians be selected from among the recommendations of Urban Indian Centers in major metropolitan areas;

and that the fifth Indian member be selected from among the recommendations of the executives of state tribes, and rural Indian organizations, and

RESOLVED, further that USET, Inc., urges members of the House of Representatives to consider amending H. J. Resolution 1117 to provide for an additional duty of the proposed Commission, that of recommending a uniform definition of "Indian" to be used in establishing eligibility for federal services, as a recognized tribes, and

RESOLVED, further that USET, Inc., urges members of the House of Representatives to consider amending H. J. Resolution 1117 to provide, under duty (vii) that management studies be made of all government agencies with Indian programs, not merely the BIA, as the BIA is certainly not the only agency in which management problems have worked to the detriment of the Indian people, and

RESOLVED, further that the Executive Director of USET reproduce this resolution in telegram form to members of the House of Representatives in order to assure its receipt before November 18.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in New Iberia, Louisiana, November 13-15, 1974, the above resolution was duly adopted.



President
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.



Secretary
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.