

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

NUMBER 97-23

**Opposition to the Senate Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations
Amendment #1122**

WHEREAS,

the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 300,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,

The Gorton amendment #1122 could have significant and dire effects on education programs for American Indian children and could set back the educational progress made since the Indian Education Act was authorized in 1972; and

WHEREAS,

The Gorton amendment #1122 would terminate set-aside programs for Indian children that participate in BIA education programs such as the Eisenhower Professional Development, Safe-and-Drug Free Schools, School-to-Work, and Goals 2000; and

WHEREAS,

If the Gorton amendment #1122 is approved in conference committee, it would eliminate approximately \$52 million dollars that is geared towards improving the educational status of American Indian children; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is in opposition to the Labor, HHS, Education amendment #1122.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Sulphur, Oklahoma on October 10, 1997, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Mary Flute Cooksey Signed for
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed
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Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
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Chickasaw Nation