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The Department of the Interior announced today it has submitted to Congress two legislative requests providing for distribution of judgment funds resulting from awards by the Indian Claims Commission to three Indian groups.

The groups affected are the Quapaws of Oklahoma with a fund of about $820,000; the Citizen Band of Potawatomis of Oklahoma with a fund of $168,735.40 plus accrued interest; and the Prairie Band of Potawatomie of Kansas with a fund of $79,624.86 plus accrued interest. The last two groups are covered by one proposal.

All of the funds were awarded to the Indians in satisfaction of claims against the United States which they prosecuted before the Indian Claims Commission. Most of the claims were based on land transactions that took place in the 19th century. All of the funds are now on deposit in the United States Treasury and drawing interest at four percent.