



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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"Indians" Consensus - Due May 1st

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15th & Washington S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
LOCAL LEAGUES

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✓ Alexandria	_____
Anoka	_____
✓ Arden Hills	_____
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✓ Cass Lake	_____
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✓ North St. Paul	_____
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✓ Red Wing	_____
✓ Richfield	_____
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Rochester	_____
Roseville	_____
✓ St. Anthony	_____
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✓ St. Croix Valley	_____
✓ St. Louis Park	_____
St. Paul	_____
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✓ White Bear Lake	_____
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Worthington	_____

X = Late!

[1963?]

TO: Fellow Boarders

FROM: M. Watson

SUBJECT: Consensus re Indians

I would like to submit the following consensus questions for your criticism:

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. One-fourth to one-third of Minnesota's Indians are eligible for these services. The federal government should

extend
maintain
reduce

this responsibility.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for

all
part
none

of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part.)

3. It has been proposed that a state agency be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you

approve
disapprove

of this idea?

4. If you approve, will you arrange what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency in order of their importance?

crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
economic development programs on or near reservations (incl. business management supervision and training)
education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
welfare
health
law enforcement
guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
other (specify what other)

5. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested.

INDIAN STUDY CONSENSUS

June 18, 1964

In consideration of our recent discussions at Council and during the leadership workshops regarding the process of taking consensus and arriving at positions, the state Board has revised our old Indian consensus, adopted May 14, 1963, in an attempt to make it purely a policy statement, rather than a statement which outlined specific action in terms of specific pieces of legislation. We then added to our position in the same way in order to incorporate the broadening which came out of this year's discussions. On the basis of this policy, the Board will determine whether a specific piece of legislation will accomplish our goals. Our new position, adopted June 18, is as follows:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that the ultimate goal of all programs for Minnesota Indians should be the self-sufficiency of the Indian population and acceptance into American life, but this acceptance or integration does not imply altering their reservation status or cultural patterns except as the Indians may desire it. It is to be accomplished on their own terms.

Responsibility of the federal government: In keeping with the goal stated above, we can expect an eventual reduction of federal services as self-sufficiency is achieved. Now, however, services must be extended. In view of the stated federal policy of eventual termination and of the mobility of the population, the land status requirement for federal services is unrealistic and should be abandoned. It could be replaced by a need criterion. Now an Indian leaving the reservation is penalized by losing federal services. A Bureau of Indian Affairs policy which states that services will be offered "when these services are not available from other sources" is narrow and ineffective. Programs should be designed not only to relieve individual suffering but to enable all Indians to raise their standards of living. As long as special services for Indians as Indians are needed, the federal government should share the expense.

Responsibility of the state: Indians are citizens of the state, and as such, the state is responsible for them as for all other citizens. This responsibility should be declared and assumed. Beyond this, Indians have unique problems not shared by other citizens. The state has a responsibility, financially and administratively, to contribute to their solution. This includes the development of remedial programs of health education, child care and training for employment. Besides developing programs, the state has a responsibility to make full use of available federal services. If nationally, the financial burden should be shared by all the states, on the state level, the burden should be shared by all the counties. The League of Women Voters believes in the need for an effective state agency which would be acceptable to the Indians themselves, permanent, staffed by professionally qualified people, authorized to act in setting up, carrying out, and coordinating programs, empowered to utilize the services of other existing agencies, and provided with adequate funds.

We favor eventual state administration of services for Indians with the federal government sharing the financial burden, since it is our belief that the state is closer to the problem and has more to gain from its solution.

The state has a responsibility to ease the Indian's transition to urban living through remedial programs of counseling for urban living and vocational training or retraining. A means should be devised to overcome the barrier of residence requirements for welfare services. Equal treatment regardless of race under local welfare programs should be guaranteed and qualifications by the state for federal reimbursement met through the setting and enforcement of state standards and through easing local welfare burdens by state financing of welfare programs for Indians.

In general we believe that legislation should not single out a special national, racial or religious group, that wherever possible legislation should be framed without reference to these factors, unless government services now are being given or withheld on this basis.

M E M O

TO: Local League Presidents and Indian Item Chairmen

FROM: State Board

We are referring consensus reports regarding Indians back to the local Leagues for clarification. It is our responsibility to evaluate what our members are thinking on this subject. We are not questioning the value of your statements -- the specific problem is related to whether or not your League's decisions relating to health, welfare and education are meant specifically for the Indian or for welfare in general.

There was a substantial consensus return. The summary of these returns seems to indicate:

1. First of all, a strong reiteration of support arrived at last year for the Indian Commission with the request that funds and professional staff be provided to allow it to satisfy our criteria.
2. Strongest support for remedial programs (for Indians only?), with the frequent comment that while programs may be costly now, it is cheaper in the long run. Particularly emphasized were vocational training and retraining, strong support of counseling for urban living, with recurrent mention of health, education, child care, etc.
3. Support for broadening the base for payment for welfare (for Indians only?) through state finance of welfare programs, and support also for the setting and enforcement of state standards. However, it was judged desirable that present local agencies distribute the funds to prevent duplication of function.
4. Some support for the abolition of residence requirements for welfare (for Indians only?) between counties or townships within the state and state reimbursement for the administrative costs of such welfare programs as those mentioned above.
5. Conflicting conclusions on the question of ADC to the chronically unemployed.
6. An underlying philosophy that legislation should not single out a special group, that if laws need change, wherever possible it should be done without reference to a particular race, religion or national origin. (This philosophy was also expressed in your reports in 1963 but was not sufficiently strong to be included in our position.)

Interest was reported to be high, discussion lively and Leagues wanted to take action.

Two Leagues felt we should make no decision without further study of the question of welfare in general.

The question we put to you is: How does policy statement number 6 above relate to the rest? What does your League think?

Taking the above statements as they stand (deleting any reference to "Indians only") and combining them, we would come out with a statement of position such as the following:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that legislation should not single out a special group. When laws are written, wherever possible, this should be done without reference to a particular race, religion or national origin.

We believe that the financial burden for welfare in general should be shared by the whole state in order to broaden the base for payment. We support the setting and enforcement of standards for relief by the state.

We wish to support remedial or educational programs, particularly in the areas of vocational training and retraining, counseling for urban living and adult education programs.

Is this acceptable?

Do you mean welfare in general or welfare for Indians?

If you mean the latter, how do you reconcile it with the policy statement relating to laws regarding special groups?

Do you think our study was sufficient to reach such positions on general welfare?

We are looking for agreement that is of sufficiently substantial proportions to warrant action on it.

Talk this over. Send your conclusions to State Council with your delegates. On the basis of the reporting of the Council delegates, the state Board will be able to determine the position which the members have reached.

INDIAN CONSENSUS

as announced

LWV Convention, May 14, 1963

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for a declaration of state responsibility for Minnesota Indians and for an effective state agency to facilitate solutions to their problems.

The ultimate goal of all programs should be the self-sufficiency of the Indian population and acceptance into American life, but this acceptance or integration does not imply altering their reservation status or cultural patterns except as the Indians may desire it. It is to be accomplished on their own terms.

Responsibility of the federal government: In keeping with the goal stated above, we can expect an eventual reduction of federal services as self-sufficiency is achieved. Now, however, services must be extended. In view of the stated federal policy of eventual termination and of the mobility of the population, the land status requirement for federal services is unrealistic and should be abandoned. It could be replaced by a need criterion. Now an Indian leaving the reservation is penalized by losing federal services. A BIA policy which states that services will be offered "when these services are not available from other sources" is narrow and ineffective. Programs should be designed not only to relieve individual suffering but to enable all Indians to raise their standard of living. As long as special services for Indians as Indians are needed, the federal government should share the expense.

Responsibility of the state: Indians are citizens of the state, and as such, the state is responsible for them as for all other citizens. This responsibility should be declared and assumed. Beyond this, Indians have unique problems not shared by other citizens. The state has a responsibility, administratively and financially, to contribute to their solution. Besides developing programs, the state has a responsibility to make full use of available federal services. If nationally, the financial burden should be shared by all states, on the state level, the burden should be shared by all counties. As a first step, the LWV supports an effective agency which would be acceptable to the Indians themselves, permanent, staffed by professionally qualified people, authorized to act in setting up, carrying out, and coordinating programs, empowered to utilize the services of other existing agencies, provided with adequate funds.

We favor eventual state administration of services for Indians with the federal government sharing the financial burden, since it is our belief that the state is closer to the problem and has more to gain from its solution.

PROPOSED DISCUSSION OUTLINE ON INDIAN STUDY

I. Goal of meeting (Discussion Leader)

We already have a broad position on Indian problems arrived at during our study last year. Our purpose at this meeting is to become aware of the kinds of legislation which were proposed, and either passed or defeated, during the last legislative session; and then to refine our areas of agreement (particularly as they relate to health, education and welfare) about the state's responsibility. Out of this should come some general principles and direction for League activity during the 1964-65 legislative session.

II. Introduction

The resource person should recap our position as of May, 1963, as a starting point for discussion. She might then spend about 20 minutes on a resume of the "Capitol Letter on Indian Affairs" relating it to the health, education and welfare chapters of Indians in Minnesota. The "Capitol Letter" is not intended to stand alone for study, but is an adjunct to the larger resource piece. The creation of an Indian Commission (p. 6) should be stressed. We are already able to work for its improvement as is clear from the enclosed position.

For the purposes of discussion, the material breaks into 3 main categories.

1. Health and Education
2. Welfare
3. Remedial programs (Education in a broad sense.)

1. Health and Education. The state's participation in health and education programs is fairly clear. The mortality and morbidity rate is higher for Indians than any other group in the state. The main diseases held responsible for this are gastroenteritis and upper respiratory infections. Drs. Barr and Finkelstein of the Minnesota Department of Health stated that these cannot be eliminated by medical procedures alone, but are primarily attributable to poor nutrition, unsanitary conditions, and deplorable housing.

In education there are no federally operated Indian schools in the state. Almost all Indian children attend integrated schools in consolidated school districts. Schools with almost non-integrated populations do exist on the Red Lake Reservation. Problems in this area would relate to the high drop out rate, orientation of teachers to the problems of Indian children, counseling, etc., the improvement of which does not necessarily require legislation. In both health and education, the state sets and enforces standards.

2. Welfare. Unlike health and education, the state's participation is more limited in welfare. Programs are administered locally with state supervision, but only when the state has administrative control can they enforce standards. Since welfare has been a local concern, residence requirements have been set up on a county or township basis. The crucial question is one of state participation versus local determination. It is part of our present position that the financial burden should be shared by the whole state in order to broaden the base for payment.

Clearly, the burden of relief on counties with large Indian populations is great and the tax base is low. (You may wish to reproduce the charts on pp. 46-48 of Indians in Minnesota or make bar-graphs from them.) How do members feel about reimbursement to counties for the cost of Indian relief? For the administrative

costs of such programs? How do the members feel about residence requirements for welfare? About ADC to the chronically unemployed? About standards of assistance? As we said above, the question revolves around this point: Is it worth diminishing local control to get a broader base for payment and establishing standards of assistance?

3. Remedial programs or education in a broad sense. Included here would be programs for vocational retraining, counseling for urban living, adult education programs concerned with maternal and child care, nutrition, health education, etc. Here the main question is one of cost. Such programs are usually costly. What would your members want the League to do if legislation were proposed to set up any of these programs?

III. Visual Aid possibilities

Reproduce charts from Indians in Minnesota or use bar-graphs adapted from them. Minnesota State Highway Map showing reservation lands, state and federal forest lands, the Great River Road, etc.

INDIAN STUDY

REPORT FORM

On the subject of state financial participation in welfare programs as explained above, unit # _____, LWV of _____ feels:
(your League)

WHY? (use back of this page for full explanation)

Regarding remedial programs, unit # _____, LWV of _____
(your League)
would like the League to take the following position:

WHY? (use other side)

Send your unit consensus to your local League Board which will send on to the state League the composite thinking in your whole League. (We are interested in knowing in detail the kinds of comments units make on these sheets.) Report any areas of agreement, any significant minority and most important FILL IN THE WHY SECTION. Was the discussion complete and thorough? Do the members feel strongly about this agreement? Or was it kind of casual? Do your members want the League to act on Indian legislation in the next session? This information will help us formulate a position which accurately reflects your collective opinions.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Alexandria by Mrs. Marge Thompson on
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (x extend) (maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

After much discussion we felt that the federal government should extend their responsibility so as to include those off the

reservations. We feel they should help with the expense of all of the agencies in question three.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (x all) (____ part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

Our feeling here was to help the federal government and ties in with question three.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (x approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

x crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems

X economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

X education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

\bar{x} welfare

X health

X law enforcement

X guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Joyce

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan.'63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Anoka (League) by Mrs. Herman Bantz (President) on April 17-63 (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☒ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☒ other (specify what other) coordinate volunteer agencies

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

League of Women Voters

ANOKA, MINNESOTA

We will answer the consensus questions on the "Indians in Minnesota" here since the comment area is not big enough on the blue sheet.

- I. The federal government should extend this responsibility to all Indians at the present regardless of whether they live on or off the reservation if they can qualify by the $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$ Indian blood status. As long as funds are authorized by Congress to go into the B. I. A. we feel Minn. Indians should be entitled to receive this as the Indians in other states do. Since it is the policy of Congress to terminate the reservation and integrate the Indian we certainly feel he should be assisted in making this step, not hindered in doing so by becoming ineligible for the funds or assistance he received while on the reservation. However, we feel since a move away from the reservation is not what the Indian wants, we wonder if there aren't untapped funds which could be utilized in developing the resources on reservations into economically sound enterprises, thus enabling the Indian to carry on his own culture and still become self-sufficient instead of relying on hand-outs from the U. S. government.
2. The state should declare a responsibility to all of its Indian citizens. Perhaps the best way to do this would be to establish a state office for Indian Affairs which could coordinate the policies and services of the different levels of government all ready involved. It could perform the coordinating function necessary for full implementation of the laws passed for the Indians.

We feel this should be a non-political agency and that a permanently paid qualified person should be in charge. Its policy should be based on the belief that the final decisions on Indian affairs should be made with the Indian people.

3. We feel the state would have to consider all of the functions listed in question 3. We wonder if a plan could be set up to train Indians (such as the area plan or field office plan) and then encourage them to ~~the~~ return to the reservation to help teach the others. Also the state might be able to help coordinate the volunteer agencies. Here again we feel the Indians should be included in any or all plans.

MAY 1 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Arden Hills by Ruth Gustow on April 17
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (___ maintain) (___ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Extend aid to Indians higher education; some plan similar to the G. I. loan. This should cover both vocational and college work. Aid extended to in-area plan for Indians leaving reservation. Establish field office in Minneapolis. Plan

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (___ all) (___ part) (___ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

Many felt further study necessary before recommending any statement of policy; however if state assumes any responsibility then a statement of policy in that area should be formulated.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (___ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ___ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ___ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ___ welfare
- ___ health
- ☒ law enforcement - *public law 280 clarified and implemented.*
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ___ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

In place of first suggestion under a. - the members preferred the word cooperation - many believed the or clarification

for removal of reservation of privileged aid and place assistance in aid available to all citizens.

second was impractical in that business could not operate at a profit in or near reservation.

"Happy talk" was one expression used. Others feel this would be the solution for those Indians who desire to stay on the reservation.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Austin by Frieda Owen on May 4, 1963
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (57 extend) (33 maintain) (2 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment. 1 vote against. Federal government should extend monetary responsibility where needed and administered by local administration. Maintain and revise the approach to the Indian problem in relation to other states.. Increase the aid, reduce the eligibility. One unit would like to see a new standards set up giving help to Indians off the reservation. One unit agrees with ~~the~~ the bill set up by Sen. Thye in 1957 (S-574)

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (31 all) (52 part) (22 none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment. The state should feel responsible for the Indians who are in need. those who are integrated, have jobs, or are self supporting should not receive aid.. The feeling of the none votes is: the Federal govt should be responsible for the Indians, thus all states share in the problem..

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (67 approve) (22 disapprove) of this idea? 31 votes. No answer on this segment at this time.

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

35 crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
40 economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
45 education (scholarships, adult education, etc.) Integration
50 welfare
53 health
50 law enforcement
65 guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation if authority to actually do something is given to agency or agencies
___ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

This is a Federal problem. A branch office of the B. I. A. in Minneapolis seems to (according to the material) doing a good job and has jurisdiction in all places of the Indian Life.

Laird LaValley
Local Indian Resource Cmn.

APR 24 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of

Battle Lake
(League)

by

Mrs. P. Cheabrough
(President)

on

April 22
(date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☐ extend) (☐ maintain) (☒ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Keep State responsibility

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☐ approve) (☒ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☐ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☐ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☐ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☐ welfare
☐ health
☐ law enforcement
☐ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Treat as other Minnesota Citizens.

MAY 1 1963

914 Roosevelt
Bemidji, Minn.
April 28, 1963

- Bemidji L.W.N.
- Consensus on Indian Item.

Dear Marion:

Our three units each had two study and discussion meetings on our Indian item. We also had an Open meeting featuring a panel of several locally placed people active in Indian affairs. Most of the meeting was devoted to questions and answers.

Now, two of our units did NOT reach a Consensus. They felt something should be done but were not ready for the How decisions (get that?)

One of our units did complete the consensus sheet; their second meeting was held after the Open Meeting.

They felt that the Federal govt should shift more responsibility to the state level; that state responsibility should extend to ALL Indians; And that state agency or agencies should be developed which would benefit Indians in areas named.

Enclosed is their consensus sheet for your ? ~~wasted sheet~~

Distractedly - at this point,
Ardie Olson

Unit IV

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
Jan. '63
CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Bemidji by Mrs E Olson on April 28
(League) (President) (date)

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The federal government should (extend) (maintain) (✓ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

State responsibility

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (✓ all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (✓ approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ✓ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ✓ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ✓ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ✓ welfare
- ✓ health
- ✓ law enforcement
- ✓ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

*(extra comments made while
I was phoning - for League, of course)*

April 29, 1963

MAY 1 1963

Dear Mrs. Watson

I have tried to give you a clear report of what we thought in our Unit meetings. I included a numerous amount of comments because they all seems to be very good and all the Units had different comments.

One Unit studied the problem in 2 unit meetings and Five units had one long meeting.

Yours truly
Mrs Pat Dodds
State Item II chairman
Bloomington

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan.'63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of BLOOMINGTON by Kay Walker Patricia Doddson 4/29/63
(League) (President) (date)

There were 47 members present at 6 Unit meetings

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒* extend) (☒** maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

See Attached page 1

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒*all) (____ part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

See Attached page 2

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

____ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
____ economic development programs on or near reservations (including
business management supervision and training)
____ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
____ welfare
____ health
____ law enforcement
____ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving
the reservation
____ other (specify what other)

See attached pages 3 and 4

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

CONSENSUS QUESTION 1

* Three Units with a membership of 30 present marked extend

** Two Units with a membership of 14 present marked maintain

One Unit with 13 members present did not mark anything but made this statement:

Before any more services are extended or Bureaus created we felt the Federal Government should completely reorganize their services and clarify their purpose. The Federal Government should put the BIA under civil service and eliminate political appointments.

COMMENTS:

That the Federal Government provide services and these be supplimented by the lower governments.

Extend the services to the extent that they would continue to bridge the gap from the time the Indian might leave this tax-exempt land until new residence is established somewhere else.

By responsibility extended we would hope for increased appropriations to be supplemented by state appropriations for that area of Indian work already undertaken by BIA. We felt that eventual assimilation is the responsibility of not just the federal government but of the state itself. The state with its present tax structure might not be able to support wholly the increasing percentage of Indians in the urban area without help.

It would be ideal if the state could take over administration of all services to the Indian, providing however that the federal government would continue or increase its present financial responsibility.

Concern about making a decision involving federal responsibility when we did not have information in the resource material about the Indian problem on the national level. One Unit with eight members present expressed a need for this information.

The need to know the philosophy behind the federal government's policy of wanting to shift the responsibility to the state.

A Peace Corps approach on the reservation to help the Indian improve his lot there.

Help on the reservation for Indians who wish to relocate but it did not make any difference whether the help came from the federal, state or local government.

Whatever help that is given not be forced on the Indian, that they should be allowed to follow their own culture without interference if they choose.

The Federal Government should clearly define its responsibilities and provide funds to be used by the state which is close to the problem.

Not all the states are capable of handling the financial burden and the states were not responsible for the placement of the Indians in the first place.

CONSENSUS QUESTION 2

* Four Units with 44 members present

One Unit with 5 members present had trouble with this question on the wording "policy of responsibility" and did not mark any of the choices.

One Unit with 8 members present stated a PARTIAL responsibility for ALL its Indian citizens.

COMMENTS:

The Indians should have the same advantages and disadvantages of any citizens of the state, no more or no less.

The State has a responsibility to all its citizens, but not all the responsibility.

State needs federal funds.

By partial responsibility it is meant that the federal government must continue to be partially responsible also.

No distinction should be made between an Indian and a non-Indian.

If the state can get financial help from the federal government for services provided Indians on tax-exempt land and reservations it is fine but the state should have a policy of responsibility.

By making the Indian a full fledged citizen of the state certain difficulties would be minimized.

A federal-state coordinated welfare aid for those 70% of Minnesota Indians not eligible for services of the federal government would keep the Indians from vacillating from the reservation to city and back again. It would also aid those counties not able to financially stand the welfare burden it might impose on poor counties.

Reorganization of services and clarification of the policy. State and Federal should correlate their services. Education and guidance seems most pertinent and it should be started at the reservation.

Attempt to make them self sufficient - industry on the reservation.

CONSENSUS QUESTION 3

a. crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (Jurisdictional Problems)

Checked by 6 Units with 47 members present

economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

Checked by 6 Units with 47 members present

education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

Checked by 4 Units with 27 members present

welfare

Checked by 5 Units with 39 members present

health

Checked by 4 Units with 27 members present

law enforcement

Checked by 5 Units with 39 members present

guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

Checked by 6 Units with 47 members present

other

Coordination of church groups doing work with the Indians. Much undirected potential.

By 1 Unit with 13 members present

Some interest in an agency which would help the Indian with his problems, whatever they are. Unknown how widespread this interest is.

COMMENTS:

Difficult to enforce reservation laws

Agencies should have representatives from all tribes.

All areas should be coordinated by a state agency, but some, such as education, are already well handled and the actual function should remain with the present department.

One central state agency with departments be established that would work with the Federal Government and also private groups and agencies. This would have to be a stable continuing agency where work will continue despite political changes. Guidance and education should be their first and major concern to enable the Indians to become integrated into the American society and remain self sufficient.

CONSENSUS QUESTION 3
COMMENTS CONTINUED

concern for the **future** of the Indians instead of pushing the responsibility from one government lap to the other.

The Indian must be guided and educated instead of having laws and restrictions pushed at them. They must regain their pride by being made an asset to our state which it is felt is a possibility.

~~MAY 10 1965~~

MAY 10 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Brainerd by Mrs. D. Wayne T. Chishy on May 9, 1963
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (^{1 member} 3 extend) (maintain) (^{2 members} 3 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

the majority felt the federal government should reduce responsibility. it should become state controlled with equal opportunity. The majority felt a special point should be set up for the Red Lake Reservation. One third of those polled felt the control should be extended.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (X all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment.

Group felt all should be taken care of until something can be worked out with the Red Lake Reservation. Indians should be aided by welfare as are other Minnesota residents. Members felt a special ^{state} bureau set up to work with the Indians would help carry out the responsibility for these Indian citizens.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (X approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- X crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
X economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
X education (scholarships, adult education, etc.) *(one person felt education was already taken care of because Indians could go anywhere to school.)*
X welfare
X health
X law enforcement
X guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
X other (specify what other) *dental care and dental program*

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

P.S. We're sorry this is late. The study was not completed until May 8, 1963.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Brooklyn Center by Dee Nelson on April 18
(League) (President) (date)

39 members voting

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (13 extend) (18 maintain) (8 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment. There was a majority of opinion for maintaining the amount of federal government services now offered. The vote was divided on this issue but those who made comments on any of the three choices, seemed to feel that the federal government should not remain in the picture indefinitely. Both when the state has accepted its role, and when the Indian is more educated and self sufficient, the federal government can then lessen its role.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (30 all) (8 part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment. The majority voted for the state declaring a policy of responsibility for all its Indians. Any plans should be carried out with the help of the Indians. All the programs for them must have state guidance in order to attain coordination and equalization all over the state. There must be some way to help those who leave the reservation on their own volition. Some of those who voted for "part" commented that they felt the ones who really needed help should get it, not those who have integrated.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (38 approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

The majority
voted for all
the functions
listed.

- ___ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems
- ___ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ___ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ___ welfare
- ___ health
- ___ law enforcement
- ___ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ___ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

There was almost unanimous agreement for a state agency. The majority voted for all the functions listed. Those who did not seemed to feel that crystalizing intergovernmental relationships, economic programs, and guidance were the most critical areas.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Buffalo (League) by Mrs. Dean Johnson (President) on 4-23-63 (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should () extend) (☒ maintain) () reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) () part) () none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

on same basis as any citizen as quickly as possible. At the moment it doesn't seem possible to make uniform provisions. Indian and non-Indian attitudes must reach a common meetingground.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) () disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☒ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
___ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Cass Lake by Mrs. James R. Seward April 15, 1963
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (X maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

This responsibility should be maintained until the Indian has been educated and is able to take care of his own needs as the average American citizen. This responsibility should gradually be decreased.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (X all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment.

But only to the same degree that the state assumes responsibility for all its citizens

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (approve) (X disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- welfare
- health
- law enforcement
- guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Through the same agencies as other Minnesota citizens are served. We do not feel that the Indian should be treated as "different".

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Columbia Heights by Mrs. J. Nixon on April 18
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

We as a group felt during the discussion that the federal government should extend the services to a greater number of Indians and also that the responsibility should not be shouldered by the county in which the reservation is located.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

We are as the books define us the "white man". We have placed the Indian where he is today and if we are to better our entire society it is up to us to educate them so they can bring themselves up to a society in which they would be proud to live in.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☐ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☐ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☐ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Crystal by Mrs. Henry P. Scaria on April 28/1963
(League) (President) (date)
State Item II chairman

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (11 extend) (5 maintain) (8 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Comments on extra sheets

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (13 all) (11 part) (0 none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

Comments on extra sheets

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (20 approve) (2 disapprove) of this idea?

Have a CENTRAL office the Indians could go to for help.

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

15 crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
15 economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

14 education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

11 welfare

11 health

14 law enforcement

15 guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

 other (specify what other)

Co-ordination should be its chief function.

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

The state should cooperate and help put into action the present and proposed ideas and programs.

Question number I

A. The federal government should **EXTEND** its responsibility:

1. It should extend its help in cultural and educational programs.
2. It should extend more help through the Area Redevelopment Program.
3. Many said that instead of extending the ^{number} ~~type~~ of services it now gives, it should extend those now available to more people by eliminating the qualification of living on tax-exempt land. This would not handicap those not living on the reservations and would be more in keeping with the Federal Resolution 108 of eventual termination.
4. More federal help is needed for economic development.

B. The federal government should **MAINTAIN** its responsibility:

1. Present federal help should be maintained until a more suitable arrangement can be made.
2. Perhaps a **PRIVATE** agency working with state, federal, and Indians might make more headway in solving the problems.
3. Some progress seems to be shown under the present arrangement and these problems will lessen with time and education.
4. The federal government is greatly responsible for the present situation of the Indian, so it should have a part in solving them.
5. Some Indians will choose to always remain an Indian on the reservation, which is their right, and the federal government should be responsible for them.

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- C The federal government should ~~add~~ REDUCE its responsibility.
1. There has been too much lack of coordination between state and federal.
 2. There is too much "red tape" and administrative costs through the federal government.
 3. The federal government is determined to get out of being responsible for Indians.
 4. The Indian should eventually learn to be responsible for himself.

Question Number 2

Reasons why the state should declare a policy of responsibility for all its Indian citizens are:

1. Division of responsibility results in chaos for Indians.
2. The federal government should give only the aids it offers to the whole population - not only Indians.
3. The state could do it at a lesser expense.
4. There would be less confusion in policy and better communication if it were worked out between the states and its tribes.
5. The state is more aware of the problems of its own Indians and therefore could more easily solve them.
6. Minnesota Indians are the responsibility of Minnesota.
7. A state agency could work more effectively than several agencies working at cross purposes.

Reasons why the state should declare a policy of responsibility for PART of its Indian citizens are:

1. Minn. should be responsible for those not eligible for federal help.
2. Help should be extended only to those in obvious NEED.
3. The state should promote private industries on or near reservations by giving them "tax breaks".
4. How about a state public works program?
5. Could the state give vocational training for those not eligible for federal?
6. The state could do much more in furthering its tourist trade by having Indian guides, selling genuine Chippewa-
over

made articles for souvenirs, having scheduled Indian pow wows, etc, etc. This would help make the Indian feel more proud of his culture.

7. To be realistic, there is almost no chance that our state would declare a policy of responsibility for all its Indians.

MAY 1 1963

Jane

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan.'63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Deephaven by Mrs. Audrey Swanson on 4/30/63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (____ extend) (☒ maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

The general opinion seemed to be that the Federal government should at least maintain and possibly extend its aid in economic development, providing jobs by this means, and also in fields of education and adult vocational training.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (____ all) (☒ part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) Those who are in need and do not receive aid elsewhere. Please comment.

The state should be the co-ordinating and stabilizing agency for the aid given from Federal, State, County and Tribal sources-- by utilizing existing agencies and forming new ones where necessary.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea? Some felt this should be voluntary agency while some felt it should be paid and under civil service.

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☒ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
____ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

April 27, 1963

Dear Mrs. Watson,

The Duluth League of Women Voters has reached consensus on the three questions on Indians. On the first one we found the choices between the words maintain and extend confusing. We do feel that the federal government has a financial responsibility in whatever program is developed since they were responsible initially for the placement of Indians in just certain states. We would like the one fourth or more Indian requirement kept, but the majority of our members felt that the residency on tax exempt land requirement should be dropped. It seemed to us that this encourages Indians to stay on or return to reservations to receive special benefits and we feel that total integration should be the ultimate goal of Indian policies. We favor equal services in the health and welfare areas, but not special ones. Indians should receive the same benefits that all citizens do.

On the second question we think the state should declare a policy of responsibility for all of its Indian citizens.

We strongly approve of the establishment of a state agency to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. We feel that it should be concerned with all of the functions listed in question three.

Sincerely yours,

Joan Boyce

Mrs. Wm. G. Boyce
State Item II Chairman
Duluth League of Women Voters

MAY 1 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of EDINA (League) by Jeanne Diefenbach (President) on April 30, 1963 (date)

(17 units reporting)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

See attached sheet

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

see attached sheet

3. It has been proposed that a ^{single} state agency ~~or agencies~~ be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

15 crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
14 economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
16 education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
10 welfare
9 health
9 law enforcement
17 guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
— other (specify what other) *see attached sheet*

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

EDINA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
CONSENSUS ON "INDIANS IN MINNESOTA"

Question 1

A clear majority of members wished to see the federal government extend its responsibility, to include the 1/4-or-more-Indian who chooses to leave the reservation, (without qualifying for a B.I.A. training or educational program) and encounters difficulty in adjustment and employment. This responsibility might well include counseling services on the reservation for such Indians, before they leave.

It was suggested that this extension of responsibility for the Indian in transition could be for a limited period of time, possibly one year. This entire idea seems more in line with ^{the} avowed long-term goal of the federal government "to collaborate with the Indian people.....in the gradual transfer of public service responsibilities from the B.I.A. to agencies which normally provide these services to non-Indian citizens". (pp. 16 "Indians in Minnesota"). This limiting of federal financial responsibility to the 1/4-or-more-Indian on tax-exempt land, in terms of modern day mobility, is utterly unrealistic.

One unit maintained that the Indian is a national, rather than a state, problem. Another unit wished to reduce federal responsibility for Indian services, reasoning that the Indians themselves would have more understanding, initiative, and interest in their state citizenship, if they were to receive aid and counseling directly from local and state agencies. Several units doubt that our local Indian interests can best be served by a national B.I.A. program, administered from Washington, with more "expensive" federal tax dollars, and would wish to see federal services maintained, rather than extended.

Question 2

Three-fourths of our membership felt that the state should declare a policy of responsibility for all of its Indian citizens, particularly in the coming years, as the federal government seeks gradually to terminate its services. There should be no "second class citizens" in Minnesota.

Several units felt that the welfare burden, for Indian citizens, should be shifted to the state from counties and townships.

Those units who agree only in part, feel that the state should certainly be "responsible for the less-than-1/4-Indian who would be eligible for state and local aid the same as any other citizen of the state". They believe that the state should have the full administrative responsibility of federal programs in Minnesota. They would seem to agree with Mr. Ray Lappegaard's statement in the 1958 report of the Interim Commission on Indian Affairs that "the State is willing to accept the responsibility of providing welfare services to Indians with federal financial support" (all 50 states sharing in this support).

Utmost concern was expressed again and again for the education and cultural attitudes of the Indian youth, and the hope was expressed that any agency or program would concentrate on this segment of the Indian population as its primary target.

Question 3

"Other functions" of a state agency might include:

- (a) A comprehensive effort to coordinate all of the volunteer agencies now of service to Indians.
- (b) Readily-available, qualified legal counsel, in connection with law enforcement.
- (c) Birth control information, in connection with the health and welfare programs. (Suggested by one unit)
- (d) General outline and philosophy for such an agency as described in the conclusion pp. 63 "Indians in Minnesota".

It was felt that a single state agency, established officially by the Legislature, should be headed by a non-political director, and staffed with professional personnel, with Indians well-represented on such a staff.

The Edina League of Women Voters would like to know how other states with Indian population are handling their problems. Does the Minnesota Indian pose any "special" problem, within the framework of our state government? How do Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan relate jurisdictional functions with the federal government?

And, in conclusion, we want to emphasize that we agree wholeheartedly with the premise that "the primary decision regarding their lives and property should be left to the Indian themselves".

Mary Ellen Haw
Mary Ellen Haw (Mrs. Nathan S.)
State Item II, Edina L.W.V.

Jerry

APR 26 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of

Expulsion
(League)

by

Mrs. Gordon Madson
(President)

on

April 27
(date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

The Federal Govt should provide money & financial support to the state Indian Bureau of Affairs. We have left this question blank because we didn't feel eligibility or services was clearly defined.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (23 approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- We feel this should be a single coordinating agency*
a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☐ welfare
☐ health
☐ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON THE INDIANS IN MINNESOTA

APR 29 1963

Sent in by LWV of Falcon Heights by Mrs. Rodney Olson on April 25, 1963
Three units -- twenty seven members participating.

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should 17 extend _____ maintain 10 reduce this responsibility. Please comment.

Indians ARE citizens; therefore, should be treated as citizens, NOT AS WARDS.

Those that wished to extend federal aid, felt that federal aid up to this time has been held at subsistence level and more money and services are needed to help the Indian/ to help himself. The group felt the federal government should offer more education and guidance to implement the Provisional Overall Economic Development Plan which is a required part of the new Area Redevelopment Administration program.

Those that wished to reduce federal aid, felt it should be done gradually, being important to maintain them over the transition period. They felt more coordination is needed between Federal & State, with State handling the greater share of administrative aspects. (Possible use of matching funds.)

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for 18 all 9 part _____ none of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) They were unable to define where responsibility should be divided between State and Federal, but felt it should be done in a way that effective agencies are set up to coordinate and provide for the individual Indian.

Comments: Indians ARE citizens and the state has a responsibility to them. Would like to see location of service centers in the Twin City area to which Indians can go for advice, help and use of social center. League should work to maintain and improve educational level and work towards adequate appropriations to the scholarship fund.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you xx approve _____ disapprove of this idea?
 - a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?
 - xx crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
 - xx economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

Consensus questions on the Indians in Minnesota

(Falcon Heights LWV)

- xx education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- x welfare) *
- x health) -- Federal government should assume greater burden of costs.
- xx law enforcement
- xx guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- * other (specify what other)
- * any program should promote the recognition by the Indian of HIS responsibility in helping to solve his problems.

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

APR 25 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
Jan.'63
CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Fairbault by Mrs. M. Harker on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (☒ maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

*this should prove adequate if properly administered
in cooperation with state agency (coordinating)*

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

*should be responsible for health, welfare
& education of all Indians, regardless of residence,
& without infringing ~~of~~ on federal jurisdiction of
financial assistance to Indians on reservations.*

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☐ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☒ other (specify what other) *Clarify legal status of the Indian*

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

*Shirley Madson, state agency
chairman*

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan.'63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Fergus Falls (League) by Dorothy Hess (President) on 4-30-63 (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☐ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☐ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☐ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☐ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☐ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☐ welfare
☐ health
☐ law enforcement
☐ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

(over)

Room 810 Social Science Tower
Univ. of Minn
Mpls. 14, Minn.

We feel that the state and federal areas of responsibility should be more clearly defined and co-ordinated. Deplorable conditions sometimes exist because the agency responsible for alleviating them cannot be determined. Despite the fact that we had an all-day workshop plus an evening meeting with expert speakers, we feel that we have only scratched the surface. We hope that the Indian question will remain on the current agenda for next year, even at the cost of having two such items.

Jeannie Stahlberg
State Item Chairman

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Mary Jo

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Fridley by Mina Lehn on 4/20/63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (28 extend) (6 maintain) (2 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

The State should receive the money from Federal to administer. Drop reservation clause. Drop phrase, "when these services are not available from other sources". Add a need clause within the framework of long range program.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (36 all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

We assume Indian means at least 1/4 Indian blood.

We feel that this responsibility should continue until the majority are self-sufficient.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (35 approve) (1 disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☒ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Minority opinion -- Indians should not be treated as a separate group, but should be treated equally with other Minnesota citizens. Therefore, existing agencies should handle above.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.Sent in by LWV of Golden Valley by Hane Borchard on 4/31/61
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Some units felt this topic needed more study -

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (X all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (X approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

YES crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
YES economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
YES education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
YES welfare
YES health
YES law enforcement
YES guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 other (specify what other) *Project Awareness*

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of GRANITE FALLS by MRS. JIM PUTNAM on APR. 19, 1963
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (___ maintain) (___ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

WE FEEL THAT THIS ^{EXTENSION OF} RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE OF A FINANCIAL NATURE. HOWEVER, CONTROL OVER DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE IN THE STATE OR AS CLOSE TO THE INDIAN PROBLEM AS POSSIBLE. THERE SHOULD BE MORE CO-ORDINATION OF RESP. & HELP AS FAR AS NATIONAL, STATE & LOCAL IS CONCERNED

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (___ part) (___ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

THE STATE HAS A "RESPONSIBILITY" TO INDIANS AS WELL AS TO ALL OF ITS OTHER CITIZENS. ITS SPECIAL RESP. TO INDIANS AND TO OTHERS IN ECON. STRAIGHTS SHOULD BE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE REHABILITATION HELP. ASSISTING THEM TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT - UPSTANDING CITIZENS SHOULD BE THE AIM.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (___ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ___ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ___ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ___ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ___ welfare
- ___ health
- ___ law enforcement
- ___ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ___ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

"WE APPROVE" PROVIDING THAT ALL ANGLES BE EXPLORED TO SEE IF THIS COULDN'T COME UNDER SOME OTHER BUREAU'S JURISDICTION WITH AN "INDIAN CO-ORDINATOR" OR SOME SUCH TITLE. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY MORE BUREAUS OR AGENCIES IF ANY OTHER PLAN WOULD BE MORE WORKABLE AND ECONOMICAL.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of HIBBLING by CONNIE HEDTKE on MAY 1-
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Some units would maintain - some would reduce - strong sentiments on both sides - none for extending.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (✓ all) (✓ part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment.

The units believe that a policy should be declared for all or part, but the policy should be spelled out in all areas concerning the responsibility of the state toward the Indians. Monetarily, the units could not resolve this.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (✓ approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ✓ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ✓ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ✓ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ✓ welfare
- ✓ health
- ✓ law enforcement
- ✓ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

See that
these are
answered. Bring to
Board meeting.

one in
charge

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Plutkinsa, Minn. by Ingrid Lager on 4-26-63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare
- ☒ health
- ☒ law enforcement
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☒ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Unit 2

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 16 & Washington Ave. S. E., Minneapolis
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 63

Sent in by LWV of Moyelewood by Lynn Kimble on
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are 1/4 or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services. The federal government should (3 extend) (maintain) (1 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

More responsibility should be assumed by the state - a commission closer to the problem.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (4 Part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

There is no need to assume responsibility for persons who don't need help - for example, if a person is self-supporting & independent

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (4 approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies

2 crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)

3 economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

3 education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

2 welfare

2 health

2 law enforcement

4 guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

 other (specify what other)

b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

~~Bally~~ Unit 3
League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Maplewood by Lynn Kimpel on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (____ maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Make available to more Indians instead of just a few. Change the qualifications.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (____ all) (____ part) (☒ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

We feel that since the Federal govt. created this problem by relegating the "problem" to certain areas or states, they shouldn't shift this problem to certain states - all 50 states should provide equal funds.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

all to a certain degree coordinated with Govt. handled by a State Board

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	welfare
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	health
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	law enforcement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
____	other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Each state knows its own problem & could best administer it - but responsibility lies with all the states.

Unit 5

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 16 & Washington Aves. S. E., Minneapolis
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 63

Sent in by LWV of Maplewood by Lynn Kimbal on
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are 1/4 or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services. The federal government should (extend) (X maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (X Part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies

- crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- welfare
- health
- law enforcement
- guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- other (specify what other)

b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Train them for industry follow through on this don't let them down

Unit 6

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis
14, Minn. Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 63

Sent in by LWM of Maplewood by Lynn Kimble on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are 1/4 or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services. The federal government should (extend) (10 maintain) ~~xxx~~ (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

we feel the federal gov't should continue to help with the Indian problem & not put the whole burden on the state -

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (10 Part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

*The 70% not taken care of by federal gov't
paid for by federal gov't*

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?
- crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
 - economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
 - education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
 - welfare
 - health
 - law enforcement
 - guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 - other (specify what other)
- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

in the legislature -

Unit #7

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan.'63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Maplewood by Lynn Kumble on 3-13-63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should () extend () maintain (X) reduce this responsibility. Please comment.

Reduce federal aid gradually eliminate Indian agency - treat them as citizens.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (X) all () part () none of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

STATE is responsible for all citizens in state. There may be help from Federal Gov't but administered by a state agency or ~~agency~~ agencies.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (X) approve () disapprove of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

(X) crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
(X) economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
(X) education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
() welfare
() health
() law enforcement
(X) guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
() other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Unit - 8 - Salome Winchester

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 16 & Washington Aves. S. E., Minneapolis
14, Minn. Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 63

Sent in by LWV of Maplewood by Lynn Kimber on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are 1/4 or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services. The federal government should (☒ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

We feel these services should be extended more in the way of ^{education} loans, and other self-help services rather than too much of a hand-out type of service.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☐ all) (☐ Part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

We feel the funds should come from the Federal Government but dispersed through state agencies where needed.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare
- ☒ health
- ☒ law enforcement
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☐ other (specify what other)

b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 63

Sent in by LWM of Maplewood by Lynn Kimble on (date)
(League) (President)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are 1/4 or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services. The federal government should (extend) (maintain) ~~xxx~~ eventually reduce this responsibility. Please comment. *Most of the women felt that federal responsibility should be maintained for the time being, but that the state should eventually shoulder a good share of the burden as its Indian role becomes clarified.*

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (Part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment. *The general opinion is that the Indians are a state, not federal, problem, and that the state should acknowledge this responsibility. Most felt that state action should have as its ultimate aim, the integration of our Indian population with the general population economically, politically, in fields of law enforcement, and welfare — in all aspects, ~~except~~ in the preservation of distinctive cultural values. To accomplish this, Indian needs will have to be met by special action (counseling services, scholarships, vocational training, etc.) with the goal being the eventual ~~lessening~~ *lessening & final lack of need for such special services*.*

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?
- crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
 - economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
 - education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
 - welfare — *to a limited extent. Emphasis more on prevention of need for welfare aid*
 - health
 - see note* law enforcement
 - guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 - other (specify what other)

b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Overwhelming approval of such an agency. Attempts to settle fed./state jurisdictional problems, should ~~try~~ try to untangle the Indian's ~~by~~ position in respect to law & order. Greatest emphasis on education as a means of solving many problems (vocational training, hygiene, how to live in an urban situation).

This agency could be the means of coordinating state & federal ~~services~~ to the best advantage of the Indian — and could work for clear-cut definitions of what each unit of govt., including the county, can & will do for the Indians. The aim should not

be to "baby" or completely subsidize the Indians,
but rather create a condition of security & optimism
that will encourage the Indians to work actively for
their own betterment. No one, white or Indian,
who lives in uncertainty & hopelessness, can be
expected to exert any great degree of effort to correct
the situation in which he finds himself. And until
our Indians ^(as a group) ~~feel their efforts can be~~ ~~wanted~~
want to help themselves, permanent improvement
of their lot, cannot be attained.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 63

Sent in by LWV of MAPLEWOOD 11 by MRS. DONAL KIMBLE on APR. 8 1963
(League) (NEWPORT ST. PAUL PARK THOMPSON GROVE - GREY CLOUD ISLAND) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are 1/4 or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services. The federal government should (____ extend) (X maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

→ AND COORDINATE
ITS ACTIVITIES
WITH STATE -
POSSIBLY EXPAND TO
ESTABLISH A
PEACE CORP.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (X all) (____ Part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (X approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea? NO NEW AGENCY MAY BE NEEDED.

COORDINATOR OR COMMISSIONER
UNDER CIVIL SERVICE BE HIRED
(NO POLITICAL APPOINTMENT)

a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies

- ✓ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems) (COORDINATOR OR COMMISSIONER)
- ✓ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ✓ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ✓ welfare
- ✓ health (AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THIS AREA IS NOT AS PRESSING AS THE OTHERS CHECKED)
- ✓ law enforcement
- ✓ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving
- also at reservation before leaving the reservation + in cities, AND
- other (specify what other) PEACE CORP COOPERATION
- COORDINATING EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE WORKING NOW INDEPENDENTLY.

b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis
14, Minn. Jan. '63

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Sent in by LWM of Maplewood by Lynn Limble on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are 1/4 or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services. The federal government should (___extend) (☒_maintain) (~~xxx~~___reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒_all) (___Part) (___none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒_approve) (___disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?
- ___crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
 - ☒_economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
 - ☒_education (scholarships, adult education, etc.) vocational
 - ☒_welfare
 - ☒_health, especially off the reservation.
 - ___law enforcement
 - ☒_guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 - ___other (specify what other)
- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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Sent in by LWN of Maplewood by Lynn Kumbler on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are 1/4 or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services. The federal government should (4 extend) (maintain) (xxx reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Extend at least until Indians who move off tax-exempt property are eligible for state, county or other services

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (4 all) (Part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

The Indian should be considered a full citizen of the state of Minnesota with all the rights and services of the state and all the responsibilities.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (4 approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?
- 4 ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
 - 4 ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
 - 4 ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
 - 4 ☒ welfare
 - 4 ☒ health
 - 4 ☒ law enforcement
 - 4 ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 - other (specify what other) *loans for establishing industry*

b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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Unit 9

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNEAPOLIS

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May 1, 1963

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Indian Consensus, based on returns of 38 out of the 45 units

- 1) A substantial majority (21 units) wish to extend federal responsibility. Some interpret "extend" to mean including more Indians while others interpret "extend" to mean providing more and better services. The following statement submitted by one unit seems to express simply ideas which were reflected by many of the units:

"The federal government has a financial obligation in the states where Indian problems are because these were caused by the government's taking over of Indian land. The federal government should be financially responsible for aiding the Indian on the reservation, for preparing him to live away from it, and for guiding him for at least a year after he leaves it. Help to the Indian should be limited to those at least $\frac{1}{4}$ Indian but should have no residential requirement."

A rather large minority (12 units) wish to maintain federal responsibility at present level; however, comments indicated that many of these units wished to extend coverage or services in specific areas.

- 2) A very substantial majority (24 units) felt that the state should declare a policy of responsibility for all of its Indian citizens. Several units mentioned that assimilation and complete integration should be a long term goal. Concerning immediate future, the statement of one unit seems to reflect the majority feeling:

"The state has a responsibility to all citizens but must have the cooperation of the tribal and federal governments. The state should administer and the state and federal government financially support."

A large minority (11 units) felt that the state should declare responsibility for only a part of its Indian citizens. A few units stated specifically that state responsibility should not cover Indians for whom the federal government takes responsibility. Others interpreted "part" to mean that the federal government should share financial responsibility. (This would agree with the majority opinion above.)

- 3) An overwhelming majority (31 units) felt the need for the establishment of a state agency to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. With few exceptions each unit checked every area listed as areas in which such an agency should function. Under education several units made specific reference to vocational guidance and training. Under welfare and health several units mentioned uniform policies and reimbursement. Under other several units mentioned a relocation center in Minneapolis although there was a difference of opinion as to whether this should be done by the federal, state, or local government.

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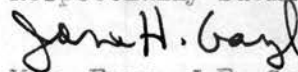
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Indian Consensus (continued)

3) continued

A few units felt that coordination could be done through existing agencies. The Minneapolis Board felt that question #3 was worded in such a way as to "lead" the units to the conclusion that there should be a new Indian state agency.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Franz J.F. Gayl
chairman, Indian study

Mrs. Earl Carlson

League of Women Voter of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E.,
Minneapolis 14, Minn., Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office
MAY 1st, 1963

Sent in by LWV of Minnetonka by Mrs. Archie Johnson on April 30, 1963
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 10% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (3 extend) (3 maintain) (1 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Residence requirements should be dropped. Room for improvement in services offered. Feel the Federal Govt. morally responsible, except one unit felt state should assume full responsibility.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (✓ all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment. Especially Health + Education - Legislation to make mandatory upgrading of education for Indians. Education to be of type meaningful to them during transition period from dependency to independent status and for changing economy with need for skilled workers.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (✓ approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. if you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions or such an agency or agencies?

✓ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)

✓ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

✓ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

✓ welfare

✓ health

✓ law enforcement

✓ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

2 units left this out → none other (specify what other) Comment - State agency should coordinate (a professional coordinator) work done by volunteer agencies - State to act as advisor only -

- b. if you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of MOORHEAD by Ruth Herring on 4/1/63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☒ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

We should extend services where necessary; however, we would be very much for bringing the Indian to the point where he can support and maintain himself.
All Indians who need the assistance should be treated in a like manner.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

Our League felt two-fold; that because the State has a responsibility to all of its citizens and because Indians are citizens, they naturally fall into the category. We would like to see a coordinator of services to avoid duplication and point up areas of no responsibility.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?
This would also mean coordinate present services.

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☐ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☐ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☐ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☐ welfare
- ☐ health
- ☐ law enforcement
- ☐ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☒ other (specify what other)

We would vote for coordinating all above. However we want a non-partisan Board set up to be the coordinating group.
b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of New Richland by Mrs. H. C. Williamson April 29
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (X maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (✓ part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

For those of less than $\frac{1}{4}$ blood, not living on reservation land, since these people supposedly are eligible for BIA services. It was felt by our group that those of less than $\frac{1}{4}$ blood and not living on reservation land would have integrated to some degree and could be assisted by State or County Welfare agencies.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (✓ approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

✓ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
✓ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
✓ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
✓ welfare
✓ health
✓ law enforcement
✓ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of New Ulm, Minn by Mrs. Kermit Kleene on April 27 '63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☐ extend) (☐ maintain) (☒ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Status of eligibility should be revamped.

More state involvement, with reduction of aid from Federal, contingent upon establishment of appropriate state agency.

States having no "Indian problem" should share the cost through the federal government. Greater aid should go to greater need proportionate to number of Indians.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

Recommend central non-terminating agency be set up by statute. Non-political head appointed.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

All of below with special emphasis on those checked.

☐ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)

☐ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

☐ welfare

☐ health

☒ law enforcement (Equal justice under the law.)

☐ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of North St Paul by Dorothy Kuhn on 4/30/63
(League) Vice - (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☐ extend) (☐ maintain) (☒ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Federal taxes could be reduced with the gradual assumption of state jurisdiction and a state planning committee adopted for the future welfare of Indians - Also the committee would be responsible for the clarification of federal & state relationships.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment.

If the state has complete responsibility in the future than it is necessary at this time for the federal government to declare their responsibility and all levels - local & tribal to understand theiris.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☒ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Elaine

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan.'63

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Sent in by LWV of _____ by _____ on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (____ extend) (____ maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (____ all) (____ part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (____ approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

____ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
____ economic development programs on or near reservations (including
business management supervision and training)
____ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
____ welfare
____ health
____ law enforcement
____ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving
the reservation
____ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Consensus On Item II -- Indians in Minnesota

A committee of eight presented two programs devoted to "Indians in Minnesota". The third series of unit meetings was devoted exclusively to consensus. About 2/3 of the members who participated in the consensus had read the booklet "Indians In Minnesota". Prior to starting the study of Indians, consensus sheets were duplicated and mailed to each member in order to give direction to the study.

The Owatonna League of Women Voters has not answered the consensus questions specifically because the membership could not agree on their interpretations of the questions. It is the consensus of the Owatonna League of Women Voters that the consensus questions ^{are} ambiguous and too broad for specific legislation.

Following is a summary of our consensus:

The Indians off the reservation, ~~which~~ seems to be our problem, share the same problems of other minority groups. In dealing with this problem it should be treated as a general minority problem. It is a matter of social attitudes which is not solved by legislation.

Since the problems of Indians are those that are shared by other minority groups it is our conclusion these problems must be dealt with through ALREADY ESTABLISHED AGENCIES; for example: The Dept of Education is responsible for the education of all citizens--and Indians are citizens. It was a consensus opinion that a new state agency or agencies would fail to resolve the Indian problem..

It was a consensus opinion that emphasis should be placed in the area of Education. But we could not agree on the specific aspect of education.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Red Wing by Janice Borgen on 4/29/63
(League) 2nd V(President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (___ maintain) (___ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

The federal government should, for the present, extend their responsibility, especially for those Indians on the reservations. Ideally, we would like to see the federal government subsidize the state--but leaving administration to the state. However, we felt that a long-range (25-30 years) program should be established which would gradually reduce federal aid, thus relieving the Indian of the "ward" concept, and giving the state and the Indian gradual opportunity and responsibility to plan for eventual integration.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (___ all) (☒ part) (___ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) Especially those off the reservation.
Please comment.

1. A BIA office in the twin cities to aid and coordinate existing Indian programs--see 3.
2. It is important to educate the Indian to realize his responsibilities and his capabilities, and to make him aware of what is available to him.
3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (___ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☒ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
___ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

APR 29 1963

April 27, 1963

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office May 1st, 1963

Sent in by LWV of Richfield by Judith Jones, Resource Chairman

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% ~~XX~~ of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should extend this responsibility.

General feeling seemed to be that Federal Government should extend its responsibility to include assistance to all Indians for the immediate present with the long range objective of less federal responsibility as the Indian becomes more self-sufficient. One Unit suggested that increased funds from the federal government would improve the attitude of the counties and townships toward the Indians inasmuch as certain counties now resent the financial burden created by the welfare Indians. Increased opportunity for Vocational Training financed by the federal government was offered by one Unit as a partial solution to the Indians' problem. Still another Unit suggested that the federal government might extend financial support -at least in part- to the state in setting up the proposed state agency.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for all of its Indian citizens.

Most Units felt that approving of the establishment of a state agency would insure a policy of responsibility. If no agency is established, the state should assume the same responsibility for its Indian citizens as for all citizens.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. We approve of this idea.

All Units approve of the establishing of the above agency. One Unit approved only if the Agency would be supported by the Federal Government.

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare---Change residency requirement and welfare standards
- ☒ health---The Units were divided. Half felt we should continue with present set-up.
- ☒ law enforcement.---No
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation. It was suggested that an Educational Representative be assigned to the Agency.

We studied this topic in February and March so the Consensus was taken before the Governor announced his Civil Rights Program.

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Virginia Bramberg - President
(Mrs. Bruce)

APR 22 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
January '63
CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Rabbinsdale by Ruth Schultz on April 10, 63
(League) (President) (date)

- 34 out of 46 members voting on consensus*
1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (3/extend) (3 maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Even though most members felt the federal government should extend their responsibility, in their opinion it should be only temporary.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (29 all) (5 part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

Indians who receive aid from Federal gov. should not receive aid from state gov.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (✓ approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystallizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☒ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☒ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Paid group sent to reservations for the purpose of assisting Indians with summer recreation program, adult instruction, various kinds etc.

John H. H. H.

76 members participating in Combined unit meeting

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

APR 23 1963
CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Roseville by Mrs. Elton Johnson on 4-21-63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (X maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.
Federal government should continue BIA assistance to all eligible Indians for the present time. Also federal assistance should be maintained under Federal Acts which provide assistance to Indians and to communities with large numbers of Indians. The feeling was that current federal responsibility must be maintained until the state can assume more responsibility.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (X all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment. The state should declare a responsibility for all it's Indian citizens. The state should assume the responsibility to see that all eligible Indians receive federal aid where allowed. It was felt this could best be done by a State Bureau of Indian Affairs (or coordinator). (see question #3 below) The hope is expressed with these views that the state can eventually take over responsibility for Indians completely--as they become more integrated and/or more self sufficient, and that the federal responsibility may decrease and eventually stop.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (X approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

 X crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
 X economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
 X education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
 X welfare
 X health
 X law enforcement
 X guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 other (specify what other)

It was felt that emphasis should be placed on education, employment and guidance

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

(OVER)

The following is not a part of the official consensus. There are, however, some views and suggestions that came out of some of the unit meetings that were interesting.

Three units drafted a statement as follows: "That the federal government continue to be financially responsible by means of a percapita allotment, to be administered by the state at its discretion, for services to the Indians on the reservation and for a year after leaving the reservation, --state funds to pay for any requirement beyond the per capita federal allotment- with the idea that as the Indian became integrated in our society, the federal government's support would gradually diminish."

There was a strong feeling among many members that wherever possible legislation should be geared to the general public and not specifically to the Indians. I.e. In a discussion of reimbursement for all welfare grants paid to Indians, it was felt that a basic change in welfare residence requirements should pertain to every citizen and not solely to the Indian.

MAY 1 1963

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan.'63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St. Anthony by Virginia Genaw on April -63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (maintain) (x reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

- The federal government should extend these services to give aid and services to all Minn. Indians, but it should be administered locally (i.e. Indians are a federal (all-states) responsibility financially.
- Maintaining services could encourage Indians to remain on and develop reservations
- Perhaps there could be better coordination by state and federal gov't - making the state assume the greatest responsibility.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (x part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) for those off reservations and who are not eligible for federal services
Please comment.

or services provided by the reservation.

- Securing more industries near reservations which will give employment for the Indians. They want to do things for themselves.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (x approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- x crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- x economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- x education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- x welfare
- x health
- x law enforcement
- x guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- other (specify what other) State commission ^{/or of Indian affairs} ~~XXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ not to be chosen by election or political party.

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

There should be an Indian Commissioner for the state. This would coordinate the work of the various agencies - less overlapping would result ^{- quicker action when need arises}

APR 25 1963

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due MAY 1, 1963

Sent in by the LWV of St. Cloud by Mrs. G. Webb on April 24, 1963

1. The Federal government provides services for those who are ~~4~~ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

*The Federal government should(X extend) (maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment. Fed. government should extend responsibility to the 70% not now eligible. The long range goal should be to make the Indian "full citizens" giving him training and opportunity to be self supporting.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) Please comment.

*State and Federal services should be coordinated. Coordination of services should exist on all levels of government (Fed, State and local). Where the Indian is ~~ineligible~~ for local assistance(as in the case of residence requirements not met in county) the state should assume responsibility.

3. It has been propose that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians.

*Do you (X approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

X crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)

X economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

X education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

X welfare

X health

X health

X law enforcement

X guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation.

 other

Law enforcement should be non-discriminatory!

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due MAY 1, 1963

Sent in by the LWV of St. Cloud by Mrs. G. Webb on April 24, 1963

1. The Federal government provides services for those who are 1/2 or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

*The Federal government should(X extend) (maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment. Fed. government should extend responsibility to the 70% not now eligible. The long range goal should be to make the Indian "full citizens" giving him training and opportunity to be self supporting.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) Please comment.

*State and Federal services should be coordinated. Coordination of services should exist on all levels of government(Fed, State and local). Where the Indian is ineligible for local assistance(as in the case of residence requirements not met in county) the state should assume responsibility.

3. It has been propose that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians.

*Do you (X approve)(disapprove) of this idea?

a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

X crystalizing intergovernmental relationships(jurisdictional problems)

X economic development programs on or near reservations(including business management supervision and training)

X education(scholarships, adult education, etc.)

X welfare

X health

X health

X law enforcement

X guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation.

 other

Law enforcement should be non-discriminatory!

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MAY 1 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St. Craig Valley by Thula Bond on 4-29-63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (maintain) (✓ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

We feel the federal government should continue the responsibility along the line of education & health, but should reduce (gradually) any other responsibility, with a policy of termination in mind. otherwise an eventual abolition of the reservations. We feel Indians shouldn't be designated as a separate nation, but should be integrated into population.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (✓ part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) elderly, physically & mentally incapable, indigent & blind.

Please comment. When we say the state should take responsibility for part of the Indians, we mean this to be the ultimate goal. Assuming that within a ten yr period the Indians in Minn. can become more self-sufficient & a real part of our civilization, the fact remains that they probably won't be ready to take care of the part we designated (elderly and etc.) It was suggested we set up a domestic peace corps to work with the teen-agers. Since the forestry program needs help, the Indians could keep in that line. The camp grounds in Minn could be built up.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (15 approve) (4 disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ✓ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ✓ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training) *vocational*
- ✓ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ✓ welfare (*no rep. Indian welfare*)
- ✓ health
- ✓ law enforcement - *standardize*
- ✓ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

It was noted that already there are enough agencies set up to keep Indians. What we need is for these organizations to get together & map out one course. This should be done

by paid employees rather than voluntary.

APR 25 1963

Indian Condensals -
St. Louis Park -
Mrs Bernard Singer - Chairman

81 members took part in Condensals

1. The federal govt should
extend this responsibility -
- 53 -

maintain this responsibility

17

reduce this respon.

11

2. The State should declare a
policy of responsibility for

all - 18

Part - 63 - of its Ind. Citizens

- ③ State Agency -

approve - 72

Undecided - 9

Number present - 6
number noted yes -
number noted no -

unit # 11

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St Louis Park by Unit 11 on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (yes extend) (____ maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

6 present
6 vote yes

Would provide more equal services

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (____ all) (yes part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____

Please comment.

6 vote yes

could not come to definite conclusion to define what part

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (yes approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare
- ☒ health
- ☒ law enforcement
- ☐ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

We approve of State Agency, but a definite Federal Agency to have responsibility and direction, with the State Agency correlating. Even with Federal funds provided the State should know best in what areas the funds can be used. The State Agency should not be

(over)

made up of volunteers, but paid workers so sufficient number for adequate & efficient work can be secured.

All feel that just handing out welfare money and aid to Indians will not solve the problem. If the Indian wants to stay on the Reservation, a program of education should be set up whereby the Indian can become self-sufficient, but with motivation.

Idea of State should be involved ^{Unit #8 -}
10 present -

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Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St Louis Park by Unit 8 - on
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

*extend to period of year when Ind. establishes residence
or how long they live in state -
no agree -*

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☐ all) (☒ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

*after ^{until} year gap of residency fed govt should
help - after year state should help local
welfare agency help Ind - partial to all needs
Indians - training*

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☐ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☒ law enforcement
☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Unit 13
St. Louis Park

7 members
Present

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St Louis Park (League) by Unit 13 (President) on _____ (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (____ extend) (☒ maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

* ALL UNIT MEMBERS THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH A MINNEAPOLIS FIELD OFFICE FOR TRAINING + RELOCATION (RE PAGE 45 OF PAMPHLET)

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (____ all) (☒ part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____ Please comment.

* THOSE NOT COVERED BY FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY =

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
* ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☒ welfare
☒ health
☒ law enforcement
* ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
☒ other (specify what other) _____

* NEED FOR MINNEAPOLIS AREA OCCASIONAL RECEPTIONS

MINNEAPOLIS FIELD OFFICE (SEE PAGE 45 OF PAMPHLET)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

URGENT
DONNA
MAY
CLARK
MAY
LAWSON

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GLENHURST

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Jan.'63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St. Louis Park by Unit 2 on April 18
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (8 extend) (___ maintain) (___ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

See back of page, please.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (___ all) (8 part) (___ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment. --

Indian Residents

Part - this means those who need this extra attention

Could a time limit be imposed to review this policy in 15 years or so to see if there is a need for it.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (8 approve) (___ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- Working on each one*
- 8 crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
 - 8 economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
 - 8 education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
 - 8 welfare
 - 8 health
 - 8 law enforcement
 - 8 guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 - 8 other (specify what other) *(Legal Department for counsel to Indians)*

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

We are assuming that this state agency will not duplicate functions covered by other agencies, but will correct commissions. Legal department for counsel to Indian

1. (a) Extend services to those already eligible
~~to~~ to extend in the area of education, vocational
training, ~~step~~
 - (b) Extend to make more eligible
- 6

With strict controls (on both questions)
We had trouble interpreting this question. As a
result we took the consensus on the basis of the
2 interpretations. 8 members were present at our meeting.
3.b. (cont).
should be included.

Vivienne - Please call me if you
have any questions on our unit's
consensus. It was really a
"wild" evening trying to make up
our minds.

Annie Kaiser

Vienna
7 present

Unit 3

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St. Louis Park Unit III by _____ on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (7 extend) (____ maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Help in training them on all levels is handled better by Fed. Govt.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (____ all) (7 part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) three relocating
Please comment.

*Say what area is to be taken care of.
Reservation leaders should be partly state aid
Immediate help rather than waiting*

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (7 approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare
- ☒ health
- ☒ law enforcement
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☐ other (specify what other) *Federal Financial Assistance*

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

This blank must be returned to Vivian Singer by April 15th

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Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St. Louis Park by _____ on 4/8/63
(League) (President) (date)

Unit 5 - 7 members present

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

Federal Gov. must take responsibility for money involved.
The federal government should (6 extend) (____ maintain) (1 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Define responsibility and fix it at the proper level so that Indians are not left without a place to turn when they need welfare, law enforcement, health care etc., or when they come to the cities they do not have to wait to establish resident requirements.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (2 all) (6 part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment.

If Federal Government provides money and services, the state should have the responsibility of administering these. If Fed. Government does not provide alone for Indians, i.e. those off the reservation who need help, the state should provide the minimum necessities of life.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (7 approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

7-yes crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
7-yes economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

7-yes education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

6-yes welfare 1-qualified 1-no 1-yes health 1-yes law enforcement 1-yes guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

1-yes other (specify what other) due process of law; have access to legal advice, i.e. public defender

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

(over)

No. present 1
No. who voted yes _____
No. who voted no _____

One member thought of Indian
as just another citizen of the State. Indian
should be integrated with rest of our
society as quickly as possible -

Due April 15 to Vivian Singer
No. of girls present - No. that voted yes or no

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Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St Louis Park by Elmit on _____
(League) (President) (date)

Elmit - 1 8 girls present

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

7 of the 8 girls present feel that Fed. financial aid should be extended. This would be accomplished by providing services for those $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian, regardless of whether they reside on tax-exempt land or not. This would greatly increase the no. of Indians that would be helped. 1 girl maintained that the Fed. govt should reduce its

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____

Please comment.

We all agreed that the state should declare a policy of responsibility for all of its Indians.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare
- ☒ health
- ☒ law enforcement
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☒ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

must include no. of members present 10 (Unit #4)
no. who voted yes 10 or no

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Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St Louis Park by Unit 4 on
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (10 maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Federal government has a good law set up but they should be carried out.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (10 part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

To be responsible for all that the federal government does not do.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (10 approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

10 crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
10 economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training) *self development*
10 education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
10 welfare - *fisher than just handing them a check*
10 health
10 law enforcement
10 guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 other (specify what other) *Counseling - planned parenthood*

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

If can't give consensus after Feb. meeting, take it after March meeting - Met to discuss by April 1963
League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Give to girls who have topic # present - & # who voted yes or no

2, 3, 8 have theirs

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St. Louis Park (League) by Unit 7 (President) on April 1, 1963 (date)

9 present

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (maintain) (9 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Federal government should continue to support programs financially. but decisions and plan for programs should be more locally centered i.e. state. with Indian given major part

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (9 part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) in places
Please comment.

- Our unit felt unqualified answers to these questions were difficult with our knowledge. The comments from members indicate the state rather than the Federal govt should have the major control over govt. but felt the Federal govt should continue with financial aid.*
3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (✓ approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- welfare
- health
- law enforcement
- guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

The third suggestion met with unit approval but what areas of control an agency should have need further study.

Next meeting.
East West Trade
Wind.

8F 17

4F 10

Fill in according to number present - number yes ; number - no

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Jan. '63

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of St. Louis Park Unit 12 by _____ on 2/21/63
(League) (President) (date)

~~12~~ 9 members present.

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (9 extend) (____ maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Federal Gov't should be responsible if no one else is.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (9 all) (____ part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

They should be eligible for the same services as all other citizens.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (9 approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea? If it would actually benefit the Indians. However, some members felt it would

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the best compound coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies? the bureaucracy

- ___ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ___ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ___ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ___ welfare
- ___ health
- ___ law enforcement
- ___ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ___ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Through County Welfare Boards

League of Women Voters of Minn
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA

St. Paul League of Women Voters - Unit St. Paul

Date May 1, 1963

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) *(opinion evenly divided between "all" & "part")*

Please comment. *The state should assume administrative responsibility with financial assistance from the federal govt. The state has an equal responsibility for all its citizens*

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☐ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies? *unanimous*

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare
- ☒ health
- ☒ law enforcement
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☐ other (specify what other)

- Make sufficient funds available*
- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

We feel (influencing our answers below) that ultimate intergration is the goal for which to strive. Minnesota Indians should have eventually all right + responsibilities of citizenship. There must be a coordinating agency between state + federal levels to assess responsibility and evaluate progress + effectiveness of programs.
League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Shoreview by Joyce Michaelson on 4/30/63
(League) (President) (date)

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1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☒ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

The federal government should continue to give aid as at the present time but should not restrict such aid to those living on tax-exempt land.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment.

State to have same responsibility and to same extent it has for all its citizens - Schools for training, job opportunities thru Business Development.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea? We believe this cannot be done with a part time, voluntary committee as at present.

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ clarifying and coordinating
- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare
- ☒ health
- ☒ law enforcement
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☒ other (specify what other) maintain ethnic culture, preserve customs and skills.

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Silver Bay by M. Thorgren on April 16, 1963
(League) (President) (date)
by N. Regner - Chrm.

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (5 maintain) (20 reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

Feel questions are too broad.

Education should be gone into further, but at others reduced.

Indian affairs should be under civil service. Prefer to have state responsible with fed. gov't.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (17 all) (2 part) (6 none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) *If they are already self supporting do not include in welfare.*
Please comment.

Part of responsibility should be to put them on their own.

They are citizens + we feel they should not be set aside - should be treated as any other citizen (from a policy of helping all (group who favored none))

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (19 approve) (6 disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare
- ☒ health
- ☒ law enforcement
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Just as any other citizens, we assume they want to be treated as an equal.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of South St Paul, Minn by B. Kittle on 5/30/63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☐ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☐ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☐ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

☐ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
☐ economic development programs on or near reservations (including
business management supervision and training)
☐ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
☐ welfare
☐ health
☐ law enforcement
☐ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving
the reservation
☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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5/30/63

The South St. Paul League feels to answer
these questions they need further study.

Bette Little
President.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Wayzata by Mrs. John Slothower on April 30, 1963.

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (____ extend) (☒ maintain) (____ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

The Federal government should at least maintain their present support until such time as the Indian can become self sufficient.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (____ part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)

Please comment.

We feel that if we wait for the Federal government to solve the problems of the Indians in Minnesota our Indian problems will continue and grow steadily worse. Therefore, the State must develop definite programs for the Indian. He is a citizen of our state and we feel that there is no question that as such he is privileged to every advantage available to other citizens. We realize that the undertaking of all programs for assistance to the Indian will be very costly and that because of this the State should take advantage of Federal assistance when available until such time that it will be unnecessary.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which could benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?
- ☐ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
 - ☐ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
 - ☐ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
 - ☐ welfare
 - ☐ health
 - ☐ law enforcement
 - ☐ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
 - ☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

We feel a well developed Minn. agency would be better able to care for state Indians than a Federal agency. The goal of this agency should be to provide opportunity for development of the Indian as an individual. Those who want to leave the reservation should receive as much help as possible to become acclimated to life off the reservation. The ones who wish to remain on the reservation should also be helped in such ways that they may, in time, become self sufficient.

We feel that all of the above are so closely related that any coordinating agency would have to deal in all phases of Indian development.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Wells, Minnesota by Lucille Schutte on 4-30-63
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☐ extend) (☐ maintain) (☒ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

The feeling was that the sooner we could make the Indian self-sufficient; his integration into our society would be much simpler.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☐ all) (☒ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

There should be better contact between the Federal Government & the State. We feel the Federal Gov. does not get close enough to the Indian problem so therefore we should have several mediators or middle men to keep State & Federal in closer touch.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ☐ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ☒ welfare
- ☒ health
- ☐ law enforcement
- ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ☐ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

We must give them an incentive to be self sufficient. We feel that as long as they are constantly given help from State - Fed Gov. that they will continue to be lazy & lazy.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of West St Paul by E Fisher on May 8
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should () extend (☒ maintain) () reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) () part) () none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?)
Please comment.

Several units banded together for the Indian discussions, - hence only one consensus

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) () disapprove) of this idea?

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

yes crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
yes economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
yes education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
yes welfare
yes health
yes law enforcement, *with some limits - not to offend Indians' tribal laws*
yes guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
— other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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Consensus on Indians in Minnesota
by the White Bear Lake League of Women Voters
taken February 1963

Approximately 60 members took part in the Indian consensus. The over-all feeling was that the problems were complicated and difficult and that ~~the~~ consensus could not be expressed in simple black and white terms. In reply to the specific questions:

1. Federal responsibility, 44 wished to maintain this responsibility, 15 to extend it and one to reduce it. The majority, those for maintaining and most of those for extending responsibility, seemed to agree on the position that there is continuing need for Federal help, need for coordinated increased services from both state and Federal (especially comprehensive vocational training), with the gradual transfer to greater state responsibility and less Federal administrative control.

Two members felt that the state cannot assume the responsibility for ~~needed~~ extended educational, economic and vocational programs; these must be Federal. One member felt that the Indians need to get on their own as soon as possible and that Federal responsibility should be reduced. Other general comments: there should be greatly expanded vocational and trade schooling on or near the reservations; the Bureau of Indian Affairs administrator should not be a political appointee; birth control information should be available to those who wish it.

2. State responsibility. The consensus was that the state should declare its responsibility for all Indians and in connection with question 1, work on special programs for Indians along with the Federal government. Forty-six members held this position. One unit commented that the state should take responsibility for relocated Indians, and another unit stated that since the state is closer to the problems, it could probably work more effectively and economically without Federal red tape.

One unit felt that this question was ambiguous, and they were unable to agree on any answer. One member opposed the idea of declaring state responsibility for Indians, feeling that they should not be treated differently than any other citizen.

3. Establishing a state agency. This approach was approved by all except one member with the agreement that it be one agency rather than agencies. The suggestions were also made that the top official have sufficient authority, that adequate funds be provided, and that the need for such an agency be reevaluated every 8 years. It was also suggested that there be a study made of how other states have coped with their Indian problems to try to see which means could be used most effectively in Minnesota.

- 3a. Specific functions of such an agency. All of the listed functions were felt important and it was also felt important not to limit the scope of such an agency by deleting any of the areas. Some of the units made comments on the following points: there should be coordination of intergovernmental relationships; investigate some way of relieving the distress of transient Indians; increased vocational training; increased state scholarships; combine training with welfare payments; have the state reimburse to a greater extent counties with large Indian welfare payments; place health emphasis on diet, sanitation and family planning; law enforcement should be careful about tribal laws; simple civics courses for Indians coming to the city; the state agency should carry on research on Indian problems.

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Please return to:
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Consensus on INDIANS IN MINNESOTA

Unit North Oaks A.M.

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{2}$ or more Indian who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☐ extend) (☒ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

We suggest less administrative control by the federal government. More appropriations could be used, however, and these funds could be channelled through a State agency. Could the B.I.A. administrator NOT be a political appointment but a professional. More federal aid for comprehensive vocational training in the Indian areas.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) Please comment.

State should take responsibility for Indians who have relocated. Emphasis should be on education and retraining - NOT on welfare. Job training should be NEAR reservation.

~~Federal government should be responsible for the~~
Birth Control information should be available to those who want it.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (☒ approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

must be reevaluated ^{every} eight years and Adequate funds must be provided

3a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies? (Please comment)

1) ☒ ~~crystallizing~~ ^{coördinating} intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems.

2) ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

3) ☒ ^{emphasis on VOCATIONAL} education (scholarships, adult education, etc.) P 52 - 53

4) ☒ welfare - if they are getting welfare they must be training

5) ☒ health - family planning, dietary, sanitation

6) ☐ law enforcement should be careful about tribal laws - simple civics courses provided for those coming to the city.

7) ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

8) ☐ other (specify what other)

3b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

① More ^{appropriations} money - less administrative - Federal Funds channelled through State ^{Agency} B.I.A. Commissioner should NOT be a political appointment - a ~~govt. servant~~ [?] a professional (an ~~expert~~ ^{comprehensive})
Federal aid for ^{comprehensive} vocational schools in the areas

② State should ~~not~~ take responsibility for Indians who have relocated. Emphasis should be education ~~not~~ a retraining rather than welfare - Job training should be NEAR reservation
Birth Control information

Federal Gov't should be responsible for the transitional period while Indian is retraining (MUST be retraining)

Unit - north Oaks morning -

Consensus on Indians in Minnesota

1. All eight members present felt that the federal government should maintain its present responsibility for Indians in Minnesota, but with the ultimate plan to make them completely a state responsibility. We felt that a federal government withdrawal should be accomplished, hopefully, with complete state cooperation, so that no reduction in services to Indians would result. This is obviously an idealistic point of view, but one that should be the long range goal.
2. All eight members voted that the state should declare a policy of responsibility for all of its Indian citizens. The state government is physically closer to the problem here in Minnesota and could probably work more effectively and economically without federal red tape. The total amount of money spent on Indians, we feel, is a tremendous sum; and this should

be carefully scrutinized to see if it is being used to the best advantage of the Indians.

3. We all approve of some way of coordinating and developing additional programs to benefit Indians, but we disapprove of more than one agency and we suggest that one state commission might be the best idea, as a beginning. We suggest that there be a study made of how other states have coped with their Indian problem to try to see which means could be used most effectively in Minnesota. With this information, backed by facts and figures, we might be more persuasive to the state legislature. For instance, if we could show how a program to create jobs for Indians had resulted in reduced welfare costs, this could be a big selling point. Many of the programs may be too new to show a direct relationship in this way.

3a. All of these things seem important. We did not have the time to discuss

them in detail. We do suggest investigating
some way of relieving the distress of
the transient Indian, who may be in
desperate need of help, but comes
under no one's jurisdiction.

Please return to:
 Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
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 White Bear Lake 10, Minn

Consensus on INDIANS IN MINNESOTA

Unit White Bear Lake

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (extend) (maintain) (reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

We want a state agency to cooperate with the federal government. Have federal aid continue but increase the services from both state + federal government. Then gradually have state take on more responsibility.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (~~all~~) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) Please comment.

One strong view point that the Indian should not be treated differently from any other citizen. The special programs can't be done without federal aids.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (~~approve~~) (disapprove) of this idea?

3a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies? (Please comment)

1) yes crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems.

2) yes economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

3) yes education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

Increase state scholarships
Increase vocational training

4) yes welfare

Have state reimburse the counties more than they are.

5) yes health

6) yes law enforcement

7) yes guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

8) yes other (specify what other)

Research on Indian problems

3b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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Consensus on INDIANS IN MINNESOTA

Unit Bred Eagle Morning Unit

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (2 extend) (10 maintain) (1 reduce) — this responsibility. Please comment.

1. The (2) voting on extension felt that this should be directed in an educational, economic, & vocational way — that the state couldn't assume the responsibility for such measures.
2. The (10) for maintaining felt the need of federal help & the great need to coordinate efforts.
3. The (1) to reduce felt strongly the Indians need to get on their own as soon as possible.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (all) (part) (none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) Please comment.

The feel the question is ambiguous.
The fed govt must take care of ^{all of} our citizens Indians or otherwise — we just couldn't clarify the question — it can be interpreted several different ways.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or ~~agencies~~ be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (3 approve) (disapprove) of this idea?

One agency set up to coordinate with existing commissions organizations such as council of church — with a paid Director and some funds to work with.

3a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies? (Please comment)

1) ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems.

2) ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

3) ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

4) ☒ welfare

5) ☒ health

6) ☒ law enforcement

7) ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

8) ☒ other (specify what other)

These are all needs ^{functions} that have to be met in some way - none can be left out. Coordination with authority for top official.

3b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

Please return to:
 Mrs. Ralph Ebbett
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 White Bear Lake 10, Minn

Consensus on INDIANS IN MINNESOTA

Unit South

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{2}$ or more Indian who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (☒ extend) (☐ maintain) (☐ reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

On the reservations. Providing welfare funds, vocational and trade schools. You can't expect to attract industry unless the work force is skilled. You can't expect the young boys and girls to want to attend school unless they are adequately dressed.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (☒ all) (☐ part) (☐ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) Please comment.

Indians are Minnesota citizens as well as any one else.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (13 approve) (☐ disapprove) of this idea?

3a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?
(Please comment)

1) ☒ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems.

2) ☒ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)

3) ☒ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)

4) ☒ welfare

5) ☒ health

6) ☒ law enforcement

7) ☒ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation

8) ☐ other (specify what other)

If you approve one, how can you not approve of the others?

3b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS on the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, due in state office MAY 1st, 1963.

Sent in by LWV of Willmar by Mrs. W.R. Watson on _____
(League) (President) (date)

1. The federal government provides services for those who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian and who live on tax-exempt land when these services are not available from other sources. About 70% of Minnesota's Indians are not eligible for these services.

The federal government should (____ extend) (____ maintain) (X reduce) this responsibility. Please comment.

State responsibility, but federal financial aid for while.

2. The state should declare a policy of responsibility for (X all) (____ part) (____ none) of its Indian citizens. (If part, would you please attempt to define what part?) _____
Please comment.

3. It has been proposed that a state agency or agencies be established to coordinate and develop programs which would benefit Indians. Do you (____ approve) (____ disapprove) of this idea? *Our Units were split evenly on this*

- a. If you approve, will you check what you would consider to be the coordinating and developmental functions of such an agency or agencies?

- ____ crystalizing intergovernmental relationships (jurisdictional problems)
- ____ economic development programs on or near reservations (including business management supervision and training)
- ____ education (scholarships, adult education, etc.)
- ____ welfare
- ____ health
- ____ law enforcement
- ____ guidance, employment and resettlement assistance for those leaving the reservation
- ____ other (specify what other)

- b. If you do not approve, but have said the state should declare some responsibility, how do you think that responsibility should be manifested? Please comment.

(see over)

We had a great deal of trouble with the wording of the questions. What do you mean by "responsibility" - what kind?