

Reformer blasts DIA

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ment last December.

"The Six Nations have apparently chosen to pursue litigation rather than negotiate the outstanding specific claims. Under the specific claims policy, claims cannot be pursued in court and considered under the claims policy at the same time. The board has been informed that all Six Nations claims had to be held in abeyance and that the files would be closed," the government spokesman said.

Mifflin also said Six Nations did not warn the government prior to December 1994 that it did not intend to stay within the confines of the specific claims process.

The Reform Party seems, based on Harris' statements in the House, to be attempting to embarrass the government for funding a lawsuit against itself.

Six Nations Land Research Director, Phil Monture, says the government response the Six

Nations landclaim has been to take tough action. Funding for Land Research, itself, has not yet been threatened but letters

from the Specific Claims office informed council their landclaim files have been closed and will be held in abeyance pend-

ing the out-come of the legal action. The letters emphasize the claims have not been rejected by Canada.