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To amend the Act of March 1, 1933, to transfer certain authority and resources to the Utah Dineh Corporation, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNETT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY AND RESOURCES TO**
4 **UTAH DINEH CORPORATION.**

5 (a) AMENDMENT.—The Act of March 1, 1933 (47
6 Stat. 1418; 82 Stat. 121; 90 Stat. 2788), is amended—

7 (1) in the first section—

8 (A) by striking “thereon: Should” and in-
9 serting “thereon. Should”; and

1 (B) by striking “State of Utah: *Provided*,
 2 That said” and all that follows through the end
 3 of the section and inserting the following:
 4 “Utah Dineh Corporation: *Provided*, That 37.5
 5 percent of those royalties shall be paid to the
 6 Utah Dineh Corporation to promote the edu-
 7 cational, health, economic, social, and cultural
 8 well-being of all Navajo Indians residing in San
 9 Juan County, Utah. *Provided further*, That the
 10 Utah Dineh Corporation shall submit to the
 11 Secretary of the Interior annual reports describ-
 12 ing the accounts and operations of the Corpora-
 13 tion concerning the funds received under this
 14 section.”; and

15 (2) in section 2, by striking “equal in area
 16 and”.

17 (b) TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND PROPERTY.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 19 graph (2), not later than March 31, 2010, the State
 20 of Utah shall transfer to the Utah Dineh Corpora-
 21 tion—

22 (A) all funds, assets, and real property (in-
 23 cluding appurtenances) held by the State in
 24 trust for the San Juan Navajo Indians pursu-
 25 ant to the Act of March 1, 1933 (47 Stat.

1 1418; 82 Stat. 121; 90 Stat. 2788), on the day
 2 before the date of enactment of this Act, for
 3 use by the Corporation in accordance with the
 4 Act of March 1, 1933 (as amended by sub-
 5 section (a)); and

6 (B) all contracts and obligations entered
 7 into by the State, acting in the capacity of the
 8 State as trustee, on behalf of the San Juan
 9 Navajo Indians, in accordance with the Act of
 10 March 1, 1933 (47 Stat. 1418; 82 Stat. 121;
 11 90 Stat. 2788), that are outstanding on the day
 12 before the date of enactment of this Act.

13 (2) EXTENSION.—The State of Utah and the
 14 Utah Dineh Corporation, by mutual agreement and
 15 on publication for a period of not less than 14 days
 16 in a newspaper of general circulation, may extend
 17 the deadline for the transfer described in paragraph
 18 (1) as the State and Corporation determine to be
 19 appropriate.

20 (c) EFFECT OF SECTION.—

21 (1) RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.—Nothing in the
 22 amendments made by subsection (a) alters any legal
 23 right or remedy that accrued before the date of en-
 24 actment of this Act.

1 (2) PRIOR ACTS.—Nothing in this section or
2 the amendments made by this section imposes any
3 liability on the Utah Dineh Corporation for any act
4 that occurred before the date of enactment of this
5 Act.

