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S. 1027

To extend the Native American veteran direct housing loan pilot program,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 17, 1997

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. HATCH)
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To extend the Native American veteran direct housing loan
pilot program, and for other purposes.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Native Americans across the United States
6 have a long, proud, and distinguished tradition of
7 service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

8 (2) Native Americans have historically served in
9 the Armed Forces in numbers which far exceed their

1 representation in the population of the United
2 States.

3 (3) Native Americans have lost their lives in the
4 service of the United States and in the cause of
5 peace.

6 (4) The demand for safe, decent, and affordable
7 housing among the 210,000 Native American veter-
8 ans in the United States is acute.

9 (5) Native American veterans face unique im-
10 pediments to the use of traditional housing pro-
11 grams to benefit veterans such as poor economic
12 conditions, the legal status of Indian trust lands,
13 and the lack of incentives for lenders to make loans
14 on trust lands.

15 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF DIRECT HOUSING LOAN PILOT PRO-**
16 **GRAM.**

17 Section 3761(c) of title 38, United States Code, is
18 amended by striking out “September 30, 1997” and in-
19 serting in lieu thereof “September 30, 2000”.

20 **SEC. 3. OUTREACH.**

21 Section 3762(i) of title 38, United States Code, is
22 amended—

23 (1) by inserting “, in consultation with tribal
24 organizations and Native American veterans organi-
25 zations,” after “The Secretary shall”; and

1 (2) by striking out “tribal organizations and”.

2 **SEC. 4. CONSULTATION WITH NATIVE AMERICAN VETER-**
 3 **ANS ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall consult with
 5 Native American veterans organizations in carrying out
 6 the Native American veterans direct housing loan program
 7 under subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United
 8 States Code.

9 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

10 Section 8(d) of the Veterans Home Loan Program
 11 Amendments of 1992 (Public Law 102–547; 106 Stat.
 12 3640; 38 U.S.C. 3761 note) is amended—

13 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

14 (A) by striking out “1998,” and inserting
 15 in lieu thereof “2001,”; and

16 (B) by inserting “, the Committee on In-
 17 dian Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee
 18 on Resources of the House of Representatives”
 19 after “the House of Representatives”;

20 (2) by striking out “and” at the end of para-
 21 graph (3);

22 (3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
 23 graph (5); and

24 (4) by inserting after paragraph (3) the follow-
 25 ing new paragraph (4):

1 “(4) a description of the outreach activities un-
2 dertaken by the Secretary under section 3762(i) of
3 such title (as so added) which—

4 “(A) specifies such activities on a region-
5 by-region basis; and

6 “(B) assesses the effectiveness of such ac-
7 tivities in encouraging the participation of Na-
8 tive American veterans in the pilot program;
9 and”.

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