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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAMS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To validate a conveyance of certain lands located in Carlton County, Minnesota, and to provide for the compensation of certain original heirs.

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. VALIDATION OF CONVEYANCE OF LANDS.**

4       (a) VALIDATION.—

5               (1) IN GENERAL.—The conveyance of the lands  
6       described in subsection (b) shall be deemed to be  
7       valid. Any interest in those lands of the United  
8       States, including any interest held in those lands  
9       that is held in trust by the United States shall be  
10      treated as if those lands had been held by the

1 United States on the date of that conveyance under  
2 absolute fee simple title.

3 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall  
4 take effect on the date that is 180 days after the  
5 date of enactment of this Act.

6 (b) CONVEYANCE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The conveyance of lands de-  
8 scribed in paragraph (2) is the issuance of a patent  
9 by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management  
10 on February 17, 1955, and recorded in the Office of  
11 the County Recorder for Carlton County on April  
12 28, 1955, in Book 137 of Deeds, page 243.

13 (2) DESCRIPTION OF LANDS.—The lands de-  
14 scribed in this paragraph are as follows: The North  
15 Half of the Southwest Quarter ( $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Sec-  
16 tion Fifteen (15), Township Forty-nine (49), Range  
17 Seventeen (17), LESS AND EXCEPT A tract of  
18 land in the North Half of the Southwest Quarter  
19 ( $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Fifteen (15), Township  
20 Forty-nine (49), Range Seventeen, described as fol-  
21 lows: commencing at the Northeast corner of said  
22 North Half of the Southwest Quarter ( $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ )  
23 thence South along the East line of said North Half  
24 of the Southwest Quarter ( $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ) a distance of  
25 626.13 feet, thence West on a line parallel with the

1 North Line of said North Half of the Southwest  
 2 Quarter ( $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ) a distance of 417.42 feet,  
 3 thence North on a line parallel with the East line of  
 4 said North Half of the Southwest Quarter  
 5 ( $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ) a distance of 626.13 feet, more or less,  
 6 to the North line of said North Half of the South-  
 7 west Quarter ( $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ), thence East along said  
 8 North line a distance of 417.42 feet, more or less to  
 9 the point of commencement, containing 6 acres of  
 10 land, more or less.

11 **SEC. 2. COMPENSATION OF ORIGINAL HEIRS.**

12 (a) NOTIFICATION.—As soon as practicable after the  
 13 date of enactment of this Act, and in such manner as to  
 14 ensure that compensation may be made under subsection  
 15 (b) by the date specified in that subsection, the Secretary  
 16 of the Interior (referred to in this section as the “Sec-  
 17 retary”) shall provide, for the 46 heirs of the original  
 18 allottee of the lands described in section 1(b)(2) (Ka ba  
 19 ga a ko kwe (aka Louis Bellanger) of the Fond du Lac  
 20 Band of Chippewa Indians) notice of—

- 21 (1) the right of those heirs to appropriate com-  
 22 pensation for the conveyance of lands referred to in  
 23 section 1(a); and
- 24 (2) procedures (which the Secretary shall estab-  
 25 lish) for applying to receive that compensation.

1       (b) COMPENSATION.—Not later than 180 days after  
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall take  
3 such action as may be necessary to ensure that reasonable  
4 efforts have been made to compensate the heirs referred  
5 to in subsection (a) in accordance with the procedures es-  
6 tablished by the Secretary under paragraph (2) of that  
7 subsection.

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