

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4168

To authorize the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To authorize the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe, 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. LAND AND INTERESTS OF THE SAULT STE.

4 MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF
5 MICHIGAN.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c),
7 notwithstanding any other provision of law (including reg-
8 ulations), the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
9 of Michigan (referred to in this section as the “Tribe”)

1 may transfer, lease, encumber, or otherwise convey, with-
2 out further authorization or approval, fee simple land
3 owned by the Tribe.

4 (b) EFFECT OF SECTION.—Nothing in this section
5 is intended to authorize the Tribe to sell any lands that
6 are held in trust by the United States for the benefit of
7 the Tribe.

8 (c) LIABILITY.—The United States shall not be held
9 liable to any party (including the Tribe or any agent or
10 instrumentality of the Tribe) for any term of, or any loss
11 resulting from the term of any transfer, lease, encum-
12 brance, or conveyance of land made pursuant to this Act
13 unless the United States or an agent or instrumentality
14 of the United States is a party to the transaction or the
15 United States would be liable pursuant to any other provi-
16 sion of law. This subsection shall not apply to land trans-
17 fered or conveyed by the Tribe to the United States to
18 be held in trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

19 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall be deemed
20 to have taken effect on January 1, 2005.

