110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5521

To authorize the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 3, 2008

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

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. LAND AND INTERESTS OF THE LAC DU FLAM-
- 4 BEAU BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c),
- 6 notwithstanding any other provision of law (including reg-
- 7 ulations), the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior
- 8 Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin (including any agent or
- 9 instrumentality of the Tribe) (referred to in this section
- 10 as the "Tribe"), may transfer, lease, encumber, or other-

- 1 wise convey, without further authorization or approval, all
- 2 or any part of the Tribe's interest in any real property
- 3 that is not held in trust by the United States for the ben-
- 4 efit of the Tribe.
- 5 (b) Effect of Section.—Nothing in this section
- 6 is intended to authorize the Tribe to transfer, lease, en-
- 7 cumber, or otherwise convey, any lands, or any interest
- 8 in any lands, that are held in trust by the United States
- 9 for the benefit of the Tribe.
- 10 (c) Liability.—The United States shall not be held
- 11 liable to any party (including the Tribe or any agent or
- 12 instrumentality of the Tribe) for any term of, or any loss
- 13 resulting from the term of any transfer, lease, encum-
- 14 brance, or conveyance of land made pursuant to this Act
- 15 unless the United States or an agent or instrumentality
- 16 of the United States is a party to the transaction or the
- 17 United States would be liable pursuant to any other provi-
- 18 sion of law. This subsection shall not apply to land trans-
- 19 ferred or conveyed by the Tribe to the United States to
- 20 be held in trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

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