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S. 1477

To clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2013

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. THUNE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tribal Labor Sov-
5 ereignty Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER.**

7 Section 2 of the National Labor Relations Act (29
8 U.S.C. 152) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or any en-
10 terprise or institution owned and operated by an In-

1 dian tribe and located on its Indian lands,” after
 2 “subdivision thereof”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(15) The term ‘Indian tribe’ means any Indian
 5 tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or other organized group
 6 or community which is recognized as eligible for the
 7 special programs and services provided by the
 8 United States to Indians because of their status as
 9 Indians.

10 “(16) The term ‘Indian’ means any individual
 11 who is a member of an Indian tribe.

12 “(17) The term ‘Indian lands’ means—

13 “(A) all lands within the limits of any In-
 14 dian reservation;

15 “(B) any lands title to which is either held
 16 in trust by the United States for the benefit of
 17 any Indian tribe or individual or held by any
 18 Indian tribe or individual subject to restriction
 19 by the United States against alienation; and

20 “(C) any lands in the State of Oklahoma
 21 that are within the boundaries of a former res-
 22 ervation (as defined by the Secretary of the In-
 23 terior) of a federally recognized Indian tribe.”.

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