

(B) by striking “such Secretary” and inserting “the Secretary”;

(2) in the second sentence, by striking “Appropriate conservation” and inserting the following:

“(2) PROJECTS ON INDIAN LANDS.—Appropriate conservation”;

(3) by striking the third sentence and inserting the following:

“(3) DISASTER PREVENTION OR RELIEF PROJECTS.—The Secretary may authorize appropriate conservation projects and other appropriate projects to be carried out on Federal, State, local, or private land as part of a Federal disaster prevention or relief effort.”.

(d) CONSERVATION CENTERS AND PROGRAM SUPPORT.—Section 205 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1724) is amended—

(1) by striking the heading and inserting the following:

“SEC. 205. CONSERVATION CENTERS AND PROGRAM SUPPORT.”;

(2) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND USE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may establish and use conservation centers owned and operated by the Secretary for—

“(A) use by the Public Lands Corps; and  
“(B) the conduct of appropriate conservation projects under this title.

“(2) ASSISTANCE FOR CONSERVATION CENTERS.—The Secretary may provide to a conservation center established under paragraph (1) any services, facilities, equipment, and supplies that the Secretary determines to be necessary for the conservation center.

“(3) STANDARDS FOR CONSERVATION CENTERS.—The Secretary shall—

“(A) establish basic standards of health, nutrition, sanitation, and safety for all conservation centers established under paragraph (1); and

“(B) ensure that the standards established under subparagraph (A) are enforced.

“(4) MANAGEMENT.—As the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the Secretary may enter into a contract or other appropriate arrangement with a State or local government agency or private organization to provide for the management of a conservation center.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide any services, facilities, equipment, supplies, technical assistance, oversight, monitoring, or evaluations that are appropriate to carry out this title.”.

(e) LIVING ALLOWANCES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.—Section 207 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1726) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) LIVING ALLOWANCES.—The Secretary shall provide each participant in the Public Lands Corps and each resource assistant with a living allowance in an amount established by the Secretary.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) HIRING.—The Secretary may—

“(1) grant to a member of the Public Lands Corps credit for time served with the Public Lands Corps, which may be used toward future Federal hiring; and

“(2) provide to a former member of the Public Lands Corps noncompetitive hiring status for a period of not more than 120 days after the date on which the member’s service with the Public Lands Corps is complete.”.

(f) FUNDING.—The Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 is amended—

(1) in section 210 (16 U.S.C. 1729), by adding at the end the following:

“(c) OTHER FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-

tions under section 211 are in addition to amounts allocated to the Public Lands Corps through other Federal programs or projects.”; and

(2) by inserting after section 210 the following:

“SEC. 211. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$12,000,000 for each fiscal year, of which \$8,000,000 is authorized to carry out priority projects and \$4,000,000 of which is authorized to carry out other appropriate conservation projects.

“(b) DISASTER RELIEF OR PREVENTION PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), any amounts made available under that subsection shall be available for disaster prevention or relief projects.

“(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts appropriated for any fiscal year to carry out this title shall remain available for obligation and expenditure until the end of the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the amounts are appropriated.”.

(g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 is amended—

(1) in section 204 (16 U.S.C. 1723)—

(A) in subsection (b)—

(i) in the first sentence, by striking “Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture” and inserting “Secretary”;

(ii) in the third sentence, by striking “Secretaries” and inserting “Secretary”; and

(iii) in the fourth sentence, by striking “Secretaries” and inserting “Secretary”; and

(B) in subsection (e), by striking “Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture” and inserting “Secretary”;

(2) in section 205 (16 U.S.C. 1724)—

(A) in subsection (b), by striking “Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture” and inserting “Secretary”; and

(B) in subsection (c), by striking “Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture” and inserting “Secretary”;

(3) in section 206 (16 U.S.C. 1725)—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in the first sentence—

(I) by striking “Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are each” and inserting “Secretary is”; and

(II) by striking “such Secretary” and inserting “the Secretary”;

(ii) in the third sentence, by striking “Secretaries” and inserting “Secretary”; and

(iii) in the fourth sentence, by striking “Secretaries” and inserting “Secretary”; and

(B) in the first sentence of subsection (b), by striking “Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture” and inserting “the Secretary”; and

(4) in section 210 (16 U.S.C. 1729)—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are each” and inserting “Secretary is”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are each” and inserting “Secretary is”; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking “Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture” and inserting “Secretary”.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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## INDIAN LAND PROBATE REFORM TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2005

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1481) to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to provide for probate reform, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1481

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Indian Land Probate Reform Technical Corrections Act of 2005”.

### SEC. 2. PARTITION OF HIGHLY FRACTIONATED INDIAN LAND.

Section 205 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2204) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) PURCHASE OF LAND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), any Indian tribe may purchase, at not less than fair market value and with the consent of the owners of the interests, part or all of the interests in—

“(A) any tract of trust or restricted land within the boundaries of the reservation of the tribe; or

“(B) land that is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the tribe.

“(2) REQUIRED CONSENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Indian tribe may purchase all interests in a tract described in paragraph (1) with the consent of the owners of undivided interests equal to at least 50 percent of the undivided interest in the tract.

“(B) INTEREST OWNED BY TRIBE.—Interests owned by an Indian tribe in a tract may be included in the computation of the percentage of ownership of the undivided interests in that tract for purposes of determining whether the consent requirement under subparagraph (A) has been met.”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c); and

(3) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by paragraph (2))—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (G)(ii)(I), by striking “a higher valuation of the land” and inserting “a value of the land that is equal to or greater than that of the earlier appraisal”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (I)(iii)—

(I) in subclause (III), by inserting “(if any)” after “this section”; and

(II) in subclause (IV)—

(aa) in item (aa), by striking “less” and inserting “more”; and

(bb) in item (bb), by striking “to implement this section” and inserting “under paragraph (5)”; and

(B) in paragraph (5), in the second sentence, by striking “shall” and inserting “may”.

### SEC. 3. TRIBAL PROBATE CODES.

Section 206 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2205) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(3), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) the date that is 1 year after the date on which the Secretary makes the certification required under section 8(a)(4) of the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (25 U.S.C. 2201 note; Public Law 108-374); or”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “section” and all that follows through “the Indian tribe” and inserting “section 207(b)(2)(A)(ii), the Indian tribe”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A)(i)(II)(bb), by inserting “in writing” after “agrees”.

#### SEC. 4. DESCENT AND DISTRIBUTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 207 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2206) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (h) through (p) as subsections (g) through (o), respectively;

(2) in subsection (g) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by inserting “specifically” after “pertains”; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) the allotted land (or any interest relating to such land) of 1 or more specific Indian tribes expressly identified in Federal law, including any of the Federal laws governing the probate or determination of heirs associated with, or otherwise relating to, the land, interest in land, or other interests or assets that are owned by individuals in—

“(i) Five Civilized Tribes restricted fee status; or

“(ii) Osage Tribe restricted fee status.”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Except to the extent that this Act otherwise affects the application of a Federal law described in paragraph (2), nothing in this subsection limits the application of this Act to trust or restricted land, interests in such land, or any other trust or restricted interests or assets.”;

(3) in subsection (h) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) in paragraph (6), by striking “(25 U.S.C. 2205)”; and

(B) in paragraph (7), by inserting “in trust or restricted status” after “testator”;

(4) in subsection (j) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) in paragraph (2)(A)—

(i) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “the date of enactment of this subparagraph” and inserting “the date that is 1 year after the date on which the Secretary publishes a notice of certification under section 8(a)(4) of the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (25 U.S.C. 2201 note; Public Law 108-374)”; and

(ii) in clause (iii), by striking “the provisions of section 207(a)(2)(A)” and inserting “subsection (a)(2)(A)”; and

(B) in paragraph (8)(D), by striking “the provisions of section 207(a)(2)(D) (25 U.S.C. 2206(a)(2)(D))” and inserting “subsection (a)(2)(D)”; and

(C) in paragraph (9)(C)—

(i) by striking “section 207(e) (25 U.S.C. 2206(e))” and inserting “subsection (e)”; and

(ii) by striking “section 207(p) (25 U.S.C. 2206(p))” and inserting “subsection (o)”; and

(5) in subsection (o) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “section 207(a)(2)(A) or (D)” and inserting “subparagraph (A) or (D) of subsection (a)(2)”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “section 207(b)(1)(A)” and inserting “subsection (b)(1)(A)”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “section 207(a)(2)(A) or (D)” and inserting “subparagraph (A) or (D) of subsection (a)(2)”; and

(C) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in the first sentence, by striking “Proceeds” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Proceeds”; and

(ii) by striking the second sentence and inserting the following:

“(B) HOLDING IN TRUST.—Proceeds described in subparagraph (A) shall be deposited and held in an account as trust property if the interest sold would otherwise pass to—

“(i) the heir, by intestate succession under subsection (a); or

“(ii) the devisee in trust or restricted status under subsection (b)(1).”.

(b) NONTESTAMENTARY DISPOSITION.—Section 207(a)(2)(D)(iv)(I)(aa) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2206(a)(2)(D)(iv)(I)(aa)) is amended—

(1) by striking “clause (iii)” and inserting “this subparagraph”; and

(2) in subitem (BB), by striking “any co-owner” and inserting “not more than 1 co-owner”.

(c) JOINT TENANCY; RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP.—Section 207(c) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2206(c)) is amended by striking the subsection heading and inserting the following:

“(c) JOINT TENANCY; RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP.—”.

(d) ESTATE PLANNING ASSISTANCE.—Section 207(f)(3) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2206(f)(3)) is amended in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by inserting “, including noncompetitive grants,” after “grants”.

#### SEC. 5. FRACTIONAL INTEREST ACQUISITION PROGRAM.

Section 213 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2212) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

“SEC. 213. FRACTIONAL INTEREST ACQUISITION PROGRAM.”;

and

(2) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “(25 U.S.C. 2206(p))”.

#### SEC. 6. ESTABLISHING FAIR MARKET VALUE.

Section 215 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2214) is amended by striking the last sentence and inserting the following: “Such a system may govern the amounts offered for the purchase of interests in trust or restricted land under this Act.”.

#### SEC. 7. LAND OWNERSHIP INFORMATION.

Section 217(e) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2216(e)) is amended by striking “be made available to” and inserting “be made available to—”.

#### SEC. 8. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) PROBATE REFORM.—The American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (25 U.S.C. 2201 note; Public Law 108-374) is amended—

(1) in section 4, by striking “(as amended by section 6(a)(2))”; and

(2) in section 9, by striking “section 205(d)(2)(I)(i)” and inserting “section 205(c)(2)(I)(i) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2204(c)(2)(I)(i))”.

(b) TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE OF LAND.—Section 4 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 464) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE OF RESTRICTED INDIAN LAND AND SHARES OF INDIAN TRIBES AND CORPORATIONS.

“(a) APPROVAL.—Except as provided in this section, no sale, devise, gift, exchange, or other transfer of restricted Indian land or

shares in the assets of an Indian tribe or corporation organized under this Act shall be made or approved.

“(b) TRANSFER TO INDIAN TRIBE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Land or shares described in subsection (a) may be sold, devised, or otherwise transferred to the Indian tribe on the reservation of which the land is located, or in the corporation of which the shares are held or were derived (or a successor of such a corporation), with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

“(2) DESCENT AND DEVISE.—Land and shares transferred under paragraph (1) shall descend or be devised to any member of the Indian tribe or corporation (or an heir of such a member) in accordance with the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.), including a tribal probate code approved under that Act (including regulations).

“(c) VOLUNTARY EXCHANGES.—The Secretary of the Interior may authorize a voluntary exchange of land or shares described in subsection (a) that the Secretary determines to be of equal value if the Secretary determines that the exchange is—

“(1) expedient;

“(2) beneficial for, or compatible with, achieving proper consolidation of Indian land; and

“(3) for the benefit of cooperative organizations.”.

#### SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this Act shall be effective as if included in the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (25 U.S.C. 2201 note; Public Law 108-374).

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### TRIBAL CLAIMS

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 1892) to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1892

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SETTLEMENT OF TRIBAL CLAIMS.

Section 1(a) of Public Law 107-153 (25 U.S.C. 4044 note; 116 Stat. 79) is amended by striking “December 31, 1999” and inserting “December 31, 2000”.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### ARABIA MOUNTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2099) to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area, and