

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5528

To authorize the construction of a Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 24, 2000

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

A BILL

To authorize the construction of a Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) there is a continuing need for reconciliation
6 between Indians and non-Indians;

7 (2) the need may be met partially through the
8 promotion of the understanding of the history and
9 culture of Sioux Indian tribes;

1 (3) the establishment of a Sioux Nation Tribal
2 Supreme Court will promote economic development
3 on reservations of the Sioux Nation and provide in-
4 vestors that contribute to that development a greater
5 degree of certainty and confidence by—

6 (A) reconciling conflicting tribal laws; and

7 (B) strengthening tribal court systems;

8 (4) the reservations of the Sioux Nation—

9 (A) contain the poorest counties in the
10 United States; and

11 (B) lack adequate tools to promote eco-
12 nomic development and the creation of jobs;

13 (5) the establishment of a Native American
14 Economic Development Council will assist in pro-
15 moting economic growth and reducing poverty on
16 reservations of the Sioux Nation by—

17 (A) coordinating economic development ef-
18 forts;

19 (B) centralizing expertise concerning Fed-
20 eral assistance; and

21 (C) facilitating the raising of funds from
22 private donations to meet matching require-
23 ments under certain Federal assistance pro-
24 grams;

1 (6) there is a need to enhance and strengthen
2 the capacity of Indian tribal governments and tribal
3 justice systems to address conflicts which impair re-
4 lationships in Indian communities and between In-
5 dian and non-Indian communities and individuals;
6 and

7 (7) the establishment of the National Native
8 American Mediation Training Center, with the tech-
9 nical assistance of tribal and Federal agencies, in-
10 cluding the Community Relations Service of the De-
11 partment of Justice, would enhance and strengthen
12 the mediation skills that are useful in reducing ten-
13 sions and resolving conflicts in Indian communities
14 and between Indian and non-Indian communities
15 and individuals.

16 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe”
19 has the meaning given that term in section 4(e) of
20 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-
21 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(e)).

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

24 (3) SIOUX NATION.—The term “Sioux Nation”
25 means the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the Crow

1 Creek Sioux Tribe, the Flandreau Santee Sioux
 2 Tribe, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, the Oglala
 3 Sioux Tribe, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the Santee
 4 Sioux Tribe, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, the
 5 Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, the Standing Rock Sioux
 6 Tribe, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

7 **TITLE I—RECONCILIATION**
 8 **CENTER**

9 **SEC. 101. RECONCILIATION CENTER.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing
 11 and Urban Development, in cooperation with the Sec-
 12 retary, shall establish, in accordance with this section, a
 13 reconciliation center, to be known as “Wakpa Sica Rec-
 14 onciliation Place”.

15 (b) LOCATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision
 16 of law, the Secretary shall take into trust for the benefit
 17 of the Sioux Nation the parcel of land in Stanley County,
 18 South Dakota, that is described as the “Reconciliation
 19 Place Addition” that is owned on the date of enactment
 20 of this Act by the Wakpa Sica Historical Society, Inc.,
 21 for the sole purpose of establishing and operating Wakpa
 22 Sica Reconciliation Place as described in subsection (c).

23 (c) PURPOSES.—The purposes of Wakpa Sica Rec-
 24 onciliation Place shall be as follows:

1 (1) To enhance the knowledge and under-
2 standing of the history of Native Americans by—

3 (A) displaying and interpreting the history,
4 art, and culture of Indian tribes for Indians
5 and non-Indians; and

6 (B) providing an accessible repository
7 for—

8 (i) the history of Indian tribes; and

9 (ii) the family history of members of
10 Indian tribes.

11 (2) To provide for the interpretation of the en-
12 counters between Lewis and Clark and the Sioux
13 Nation.

14 (3) To house the Sioux Nation Tribal Supreme
15 Court.

16 (4) To house the Native American Economic
17 Development Council.

18 (5) To house the National Native American Me-
19 diation Training Center to train tribal personnel in
20 conflict resolution and alternative dispute resolution.

21 (d) GRANT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing
23 and Urban Development shall offer to award a grant
24 to the Wakpa Sica Historical Society of Fort Pierre,

1 South Dakota, for the construction of Wakpa Sica
2 Reconciliation Place.

3 (2) GRANT AGREEMENT.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition to re-
5 ceiving the grant under this subsection, the ap-
6 propriate official of the Wakpa Sica Historical
7 Society shall enter into a grant agreement with
8 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
9 ment.

10 (B) CONSULTATION.—Before entering into
11 a grant agreement under this paragraph, the
12 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
13 shall consult with the Secretary concerning the
14 contents of the agreement.

15 (C) DUTIES OF THE WAKPA SICA HISTOR-
16 ICAL SOCIETY.—The grant agreement under
17 this paragraph shall specify the duties of the
18 Wakpa Sica Historical Society under this sec-
19 tion and arrangements for the maintenance of
20 Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place.

21 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

22 There are authorized to be appropriated to the De-
23 partment of Housing and Urban Development
24 \$18,258,441, to be used for the grant under this
25 section.

1 **SEC. 102. NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN MEDIATION TRAIN-**
2 **ING CENTER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—To ensure the development and
4 operation of the Sioux Nation Tribal Supreme Court and
5 the National Native American Mediation Training Center,
6 the Attorney General of the United States shall use avail-
7 able funds to provide technical and financial assistance to
8 the Sioux Nation.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
10 out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated
11 to the Department of Justice such sums as are necessary.

12 **SEC. 103. LEGAL JURISDICTION NOT AFFECTED.**

13 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to expand, di-
14 minish, or otherwise amend the civil or criminal legal ju-
15 risdiction of the Federal Government or any tribal or
16 State government.

17 **TITLE II—GAO STUDY**

18 **SEC. 201. GAO STUDY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall
20 conduct a study and make findings and recommendations
21 with respect to—

22 (1) Federal programs designed to assist Indian
23 tribes and tribal members with economic develop-
24 ment, job creation, entrepreneurship, and business
25 development;

26 (2) the extent of use of the programs;

1 (3) how effectively such programs accomplish
2 their mission; and

3 (4) ways in which the Federal Government
4 could best provide economic development, job cre-
5 ation, entrepreneurship, and business development
6 for Indian tribes and tribal members.

7 (b) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall submit
8 a report to Congress on the study, findings, and rec-
9 ommendations required by subsection (a) not later than
10 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

○