or any other Act that provides specific standards for the percentage of ownership interest that must approve a lease or agreement on a specified reservation.

"SEC. 220. APPLICATION TO ALASKA.

''(a) FINDINGS.—Congress find that—

''(1) numerous academic and governmental organizations have studied the nature and extent of fractionated ownership of Indian land outside of Alaska and have proposed solutions to this problem; and

''(2) despite these studies, there has not been a comparable effort to analyze the problem, if any, of fractionated ownership in Alaska.

''(b) APPLICATION OF ACT TO ALASKA.—Except as provided in this section, this Act shall not apply to land located within Alaska.

''(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to constitute a ratification of any determination by any agency, instrumentality, or court of the United States that may support the assertion of tribal jurisdiction over allotment lands or interests in such land in Alaska.''.

SEC. 104. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Notwithstanding section 207(g)(5) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2206(f)(5)), after the Secretary of Interior provides the certification required under section 207(g)(4) of such Act, the owner of an interest in trust or restricted land may bring an administrative action to challenge the application of such section 207 to the devise or descent of his or her interest or interests in trust or restricted lands, and may seek judicial review of the final decision of the Secretary of Interior with respect to such challenge.

SEC. 105. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $8,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and each subsequent fiscal year to carry out the provisions of this title (and the amendments made by this title) that are not otherwise funded under the authority provided for in any other provision of Federal law.

SEC. 106. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) PATENTS HELD IN TRUST.—The Act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388) is amended—

(1) by repealing sections 1, 2, and 3 (25 U.S.C. 331, 332, and 333); and

(2) in the second proviso of section 5 (25 U.S.C. 348)—

(A) by striking ''and partition''; and

(B) by striking ''except'' and inserting ''except as provided by the Indian Land Consolidation Act or a tribal probate code approved under such Act and except''.

(b) ASCERTAINMENT OF HEIRS AND DISPOSAL OF ALLOTMENTS.—The Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 855) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of section 1 (25 U.S.C. 372), by striking ''under'' and inserting ''under the Indian Land Consolidation Act or a tribal probate code approved under such Act and pursuant to''; and

(2) in the first sentence of section 2 (25 U.S.C. 373), by striking ''with regulations'' and inserting ''with the Indian Land Consolidation Act or a tribal probate code approved under such Act and regulations''.

(c) TRANSFER OF LANDS.—Section 4 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 464) is amended by striking ''member or:'' and inserting ''member or, except as provided by the Indian Land Consolidation Act,''.

TITLE II—LEASES OF NAVAJO INDIAN ALLOTTED LANDS

SEC. 201. LEASES OF NAVAJO INDIAN ALLOTTED LANDS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ''Indian tribe'' has the meaning given the term in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(e)).

(2) INDIVIDUALLY OWNED NAVAJO INDIAN ALLOTTED LAND.—The term ''individually owned Navajo Indian allotted land'' means Navajo Indian allotted land that is owned in whole or in part by 1 or more individuals.

(3) NAVAJO INDIAN.—The term ''Navajo Indian'' means a member of the Navajo Nation.

(4) NAVAJO INDIAN ALLOTTED LAND.—The term ''Navajo Indian allotted land'' means a single parcel of land that—

(A) is located within the jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation; and

(B)(i) is held in trust or restricted status by the United States for the benefit of Navajo Indians or members of another Indian tribe; and

(ii) was—

(I) allotted to a Navajo Indian; or

(II) taken into trust or restricted status by the United States for a Navajo Indian.

(5) OWNER.—The term ''owner'' means, in the case of any interest in land described in paragraph (4)(B)(i), the beneficial owner of the interest.

(6) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may approve an oil or gas lease or agreement that affects individually owned Navajo Indian allotted land, if—

(A) the owners of not less than the applicable percentage (determined under paragraph (2)) of the undivided interest in the Navajo Indian allotted land that is covered by the oil or gas lease or agreement consent in writing to the lease or agreement; and

(B) the Secretary determines that approving the lease or agreement is in the best interest of the owners of the undivided interest in the Navajo Indian allotted land.

(2) PERCENTAGE INTEREST.—The applicable percentage referred to in paragraph (1)(A) shall be determined as follows:

(A) If there are 10 or fewer owners of the undivided interest in the Navajo Indian allotted land, the applicable percentage shall be 100 percent.

(B) If there are more than 10 such owners, but fewer than 51 such owners, the applicable percentage shall be 80 percent.

(C) If there are 51 or more such owners, the applicable percentage shall be 60 percent.

(3) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO SIGN LEASE OR AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN OWNERS.—The Secretary may give written consent to an oil or gas lease or agreement under paragraph (1) on behalf of an individual Indian owner if—

(A) the owner is deceased and the heirs to, or devisees of, the interest of the deceased owner have not been determined; or

(B) the heirs or devisees referred to in subparagraph (A) have been determined, but 1 or more of the heirs or devisees cannot be located.

(4) EFFECT OF APPROVAL.—

(A) APPLICATION TO ALL PARTIES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an oil or gas lease or agreement approved by the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall be binding on the parties described in clause (ii), to the same extent as if all of the owners of the undivided interest in Navajo Indian allotted land covered under the lease or agreement consented to the lease or agreement.

(ii) DESCRIPTION OF PARTIES.—The parties referred to in clause (i) are—

(I) the owners of the undivided interest in the Navajo Indian allotted land covered under the lease or agreement referred to in clause (i); and

(II) all other parties to the lease or agreement.

(B) EFFECT ON INDIAN TRIBE.—If—

(i) an Indian tribe is the owner of a portion of an undivided interest in Navajo Indian allotted land; and

(ii) an oil or gas lease or agreement under paragraph (1) is otherwise applicable to such portion by reason of this subsection even though the Indian tribe did not consent to the lease or agreement,

then the lease or agreement shall apply to such portion of the undivided interest (including entitlement of the Indian tribe to payment under the lease or agreement), but the Indian tribe shall not be treated as a party to the lease or agreement and nothing in this subsection (or in the lease or agreement) shall be construed to affect the sovereignty of the Indian tribe.

(5) DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The proceeds derived from an oil or gas lease or agreement that is approved by the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall be distributed to all owners of the undivided interest in the Navajo Indian allotted land covered under the lease or agreement.

(B) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED.—The amount of the proceeds under subparagraph (A) distributed to each owner under that subparagraph shall be determined in accordance with the portion of the undivided interest in the Navajo Indian allotted land covered under the lease or agreement that is owned by that owner.

RECOGNIZING HEROES PLAZA IN THE CITY OF PUEBLO, COLORADO

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Armed Services Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 351, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 351) recognizing Heroes Plaza in the City of Pueblo, Colorado, as honoring recipients of the Medal of Honor.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and finally that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY FOR UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ISSUE SEMIPOSTALS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4437, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4437) to grant to the United States Postal Service the authority to issue semipostals, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.