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To make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and
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Mr. CAMPBELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

To make technical corrections to laws relating to Native
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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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2004”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definition of Secretary.

**TITLE I—TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND OTHER PROVISIONS
RELATING TO NATIVE AMERICANS**

- Sec. 101. National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education.

- Sec. 102. Indian Financing Act Amendment.
- Sec. 103. Exchanged Indian land.
- Sec. 104. Indian tribal justice technical and legal assistance.
- Sec. 105. Tribal justice systems.
- Sec. 106. Authorization of 99-year leases for the Prairie Band of Potawatomi.
- Sec. 107. Navajo healthcare contracting.
- Sec. 108. Crow Tribal Trust Fund.
- Sec. 109. Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Settlement Fund.
- Sec. 110. ANCSA amendment.

TITLE II—COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGMENT
FUNDS ACT

- Sec. 201. Cowlitz Indian Tribe Distribution of Judgment Funds Act.
- Sec. 202. Definitions.
- Sec. 203. Judgment distribution plan.
- Sec. 204. Distribution and use of funds.

TITLE III—ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK
RESERVATION.

- Sec. 301. Short title.
- Sec. 302. Findings and purpose.
- Sec. 303. Definitions.
- Sec. 304. Distribution of judgment funds.
- Sec. 305. Applicable law.

TITLE IV—UTU UTU GWAITU PAIUTE INDIAN LAND TRANSFER

- Sec. 401. Transfer.

1 SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.

2 In this Act, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-
3 retary of the Interior.

**4 TITLE I—TECHNICAL AMEND-
5 MENTS AND OTHER PROVI-
6 SIONS RELATING TO NATIVE
7 AMERICANS**

**8 SEC. 101. NATIONAL FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN
9 INDIAN EDUCATION.**

10 Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
11 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 458bbb) is amended—

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

3 **“TITLE V—NATIONAL FUND FOR**
4 **EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN**
5 **INDIAN EDUCATION”;**

6 (2) in section 501 (25 U.S.C. 458bbb)—

7 (A) by striking the section heading and in-
8 serting the following:

9 **“SEC. 501. NATIONAL FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN AMER-**
10 **ICAN INDIAN EDUCATION.”;**

11 and

12 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “the
13 American Indian Education Foundation” and
14 inserting “a foundation to be known as the ‘Na-
15 tional Fund for Excellence in American Indian
16 Education’ ”; and

17 (3) in section 503(2) (25 U.S.C. 458bbb–2(2)),
18 by striking “Foundation” the second place it ap-
19 pears and inserting “National Fund for Excellence
20 in American Indian Education”.

21 **SEC. 102. INDIAN FINANCING ACT AMENDMENT.**

22 (a) **LOAN GUARANTIES AND INSURANCE.**—Section
23 201 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C.
24 1481) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “the Secretary is authorized (a)
2 to guarantee” and inserting “the Secretary may—

3 “(1) guarantee”;

4 (2) by striking “members; and (b) in lieu of
5 such guaranty, to insure” and inserting “members;
6 or

7 “(2) to insure”;

8 (3) by striking “SEC. 201. In order” and insert-
9 ing the following:

10 **“SEC. 201. LOAN GUARANTIES AND INSURANCE.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order”; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(b) ELIGIBLE BORROWERS.—The Secretary may
14 guarantee or insure loans under subsection (a) to both for-
15 profit and nonprofit borrowers.”.

16 (b) LOAN APPROVAL.—Section 204 of the Indian Fi-
17 nancing Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C. 1484) is amended by
18 striking “SEC. 204.” and inserting the following:

19 **“SEC. 204. LOAN APPROVAL.”.**

20 **SEC. 103. EXCHANGED INDIAN LAND.**

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if—

22 (1) any portion of the Indian country (as de-
23 fined in section 1151 of title 18, United States
24 Code) under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe was

1 subject to a government taking for a project that re-
2 ceived any funding under Public Law 85–500;

3 (2) the Indian tribe applies for land to be taken
4 into trust by the Federal Government; and

5 (3) the Secretary of the Interior accepts the
6 land into trust on behalf of the Indian tribe;

7 the land shall be deemed for all purposes to have been
8 acquired in trust as of the date of the taking.

9 **SEC. 104. INDIAN TRIBAL JUSTICE TECHNICAL AND LEGAL**
10 **ASSISTANCE.**

11 Sections 106 and 201(d) of the Indian Tribal Justice
12 Technical and Legal Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 3666,
13 3681(d)) are amended by striking “for fiscal years 2000
14 through 2004” and inserting “for fiscal years 2004
15 through 2010”.

16 **SEC. 105. TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS.**

17 Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of section 201 of
18 the Indian Tribal Justice Act (25 U.S.C. 3621) are
19 amended by striking “2007” and inserting “2010”.

20 **SEC. 106. AUTHORIZATION OF 99-YEAR LEASES FOR THE**
21 **PRAIRIE BAND OF POTAWATOMI.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of the first section
23 of the Act of August 9, 1955 (25 U.S.C. 415(a)) is amend-
24 ed in the second sentence—

1 (1) by inserting “the reservation of the Prairie
2 Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation,” after
3 “Spanish Grant’,”; and

4 (2) by inserting “lands held in trust for the
5 Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation,” before “lands
6 held in trust for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 subsection (a) apply to any lease entered into or renewed
9 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 107. NAVAJO HEALTHCARE CONTRACTING.**

11 Congress authorizes the Navajo Area Office of the In-
12 dian Health Service to reprogram contract healthcare
13 service dollars for the Navajo Health Foundation/Sage
14 Memorial Hospital 638 contract.

15 **SEC. 108. CROW TRIBAL TRUST FUND.**

16 Section 6(d) of the Crow Boundary Settlement Act
17 of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 1776d(d)), is amended—

18 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting
19 “AND CAPITAL GAINS” after “INTEREST”;

20 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “Only” and
21 inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (4),
22 only”; and

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

24 “(4) DISTRIBUTION OF CAPITAL GAINS.—Not-
25 withstanding subsection (f) or any other provision of

1 law, capital gains and any other noninterest income
2 received on funds in the Crow Tribal Trust Fund
3 shall be available for distribution by the Secretary to
4 the Crow Tribe to the extent that the balance in the
5 Crow Tribal Trust Fund (including capital gains)
6 exceeds \$85,000,000, for the same uses and subject
7 to the same restrictions in paragraphs (1) and (3)
8 as are applicable to distributions of interest.”.

9 **SEC. 109. FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE SETTLEMENT**
10 **FUND.**

11 Section 102 of the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Indian
12 Tribes Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990 (104 Stat.
13 3289) is amended—

14 (1) In subsection (C)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “The in-
16 come of the Fund may be obligated and ex-
17 pended only for the following purposes:” and in-
18 serting the following: “Notwithstanding any
19 conflicting provision in the original Fund plan
20 developed in consultation with the Secretary
21 under subsection (f), during fiscal year 2004
22 and each subsequent fiscal year, 6 percent of
23 the average quarterly market value of the Fund
24 during the immediately preceding 3 fiscal years
25 (referred to in this title as the ‘Annual 6 per-

1 cent Amount’) may be expended or obligated
 2 only for the purposes specified in subpara-
 3 graphs (a) through (f) of this section. In addi-
 4 tion, during each fiscal year subsequent to
 5 Fund fiscal year 2004, any unexpended and un-
 6 obligated portion of the Annual 6 percent
 7 Amount from any of the 3 immediately pre-
 8 ceding Fund fiscal years subsequent to fiscal
 9 year 2003, not including any income that may
 10 accrue on that portion may also be expended or
 11 obligated only for the following purposes:”;

12 (B) by striking paragraphs (2) through (4)
 13 and inserting the following:

14 “(2) No monies from the Fund other than the
 15 amounts authorized in subsection (C)(1) may be expended
 16 or obligated for any purpose.

17 “(3) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision in the
 18 original Fund plan, during fiscal year 2004 and each sub-
 19 sequent fiscal year, not more than 20 percent of the An-
 20 nual 6 percent Amount for the fiscal year (referred to in
 21 this title as the ‘Annual 1.2 percent Amount’) may be ex-
 22 pended or obligated under subsection (c)(1)(C) for per
 23 capita distributions to tribal members, provided that dur-
 24 ing each Fund fiscal year subsequent to fiscal year 2004,
 25 any unexpended and unobligated portion of the Annual 1.2

1 percent Amount from any of the 3 immediately preceding
2 Fund fiscal years subsequent to fiscal year 2003, not in-
3 cluding any income that may accrue on that portion, may
4 also be expended or obligated for such per capita pay-
5 ments.”; and

6 (2) in subsection (D), by adding at the end the
7 following: “Notwithstanding any conflicting provi-
8 sion in the original Fund plan, the Fallon Business
9 Council, in consultation with the Secretary, shall
10 promptly amend the original plan for purposes of
11 conforming the plan to this title and making non-
12 substantive updates, improvements, or corrections to
13 the original plan.”.

14 **SEC. 110. ANCSA AMENDMENT.**

15 All land and interests in land in the State of Alaska
16 conveyed by the Federal Government under the Alaska
17 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)
18 to a Native Corporation and reconveyed by that Native
19 Corporation, or a successor in interest, in exchange for
20 any other land or interest in land in the State of Alaska
21 and located within the same region (as defined in section
22 9(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43
23 U.S.C. 1608(a)), to a Native Corporation under an ex-
24 change or other conveyance, shall be deemed, notwith-

1 standing the conveyance or exchange, to have been con-
 2 veyed pursuant to that Act.

3 **TITLE II—COWLITZ INDIAN**
 4 **TRIBE DISTRIBUTION OF**
 5 **JUDGMENT FUNDS ACT**

6 **SEC. 201. COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE DISTRIBUTION OF JUDG-**
 7 **MENT FUNDS ACT.**

8 This title shall be known as the “Cowlitz Indian Tribe
 9 Distribution of Judgment Funds Act”.

10 **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this title:

12 (1) **CURRENT JUDGMENT FUND.**—The term
 13 “current judgment fund” means the funds awarded
 14 by the Indian Claims Commission Docket No. 218
 15 and all interest accrued on the funds as of the date
 16 of enactment of this Act.

17 (2) **INITIAL INTEREST.**—The term “initial in-
 18 terest” means the interest on the funds awarded by
 19 the Indian Claims Commission Docket No. 218 dur-
 20 ing the time period from 1 year before the date of
 21 enactment of this Act through the date of enactment
 22 of this Act.

23 (3) **PRINCIPAL.**—The term “principal” means
 24 the funds awarded by the Indian Claims Commission
 25 Docket No. 218 and all interest accrued on the

1 funds as of 1 year before the date of enactment of
2 this Act.

3 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (5) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
6 Cowlitzq Indian Tribe of Washington, to which the
7 Secretary extended Federal recognition on December
8 31, 2001, under part 83 of title 25, Code of Federal
9 Regulations.

10 (6) TRIBAL MEMBER.—The term “tribal mem-
11 ber” means an individual who is an enrolled member
12 of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe in accordance with tribal
13 enrollment procedures and requirements.

14 (7) TRIBAL ELDER.—The term “tribal elder”
15 means a tribal member who was 62 years of age or
16 older as of February 14, 2000.

17 **SEC. 203. JUDGMENT DISTRIBUTION PLAN.**

18 Notwithstanding the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds
19 Use or Distribution Act (25 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), or any
20 plan prepared or promulgated by the Secretary under that
21 Act, the judgment funds awarded in Indian Claims Com-
22 mission Docket No. 218 and interest accrued on those
23 funds as of the date of enactment of this Act shall be dis-
24 tributed and used in accordance with this title.

1 **SEC. 204. DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FUNDS.**

2 (a) PRESERVATION OF PRINCIPAL AFTER ELDERLY
3 ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-
5 section (b), the principal shall not be distributed
6 under this title.

7 (2) DISBURSEMENTS.—The Secretary shall—

8 (A) maintain undistributed current judg-
9 ment funds in an interest-bearing account in
10 trust for the Tribe; and

11 (B) disburse principal or interest in ac-
12 cordance with this title not later than 30 days
13 after receipt by the Northwest Regional Direc-
14 tor of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of a request
15 by the Cowlitz Tribal Council for a disburse-
16 ment of funds.

17 (b) ELDERLY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

18 (1) SETASIDE.—From the current judgment
19 fund, the Secretary shall set aside 20 percent for an
20 elderly assistance payment.

21 (2) PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall provide 1
22 elderly assistance payment to each enrolled tribal
23 elder not later than 30 days after all of the following
24 have occurred:

25 (A) LIST OF ENROLLED MEMBERS.—The
26 Cowlitz Tribal Council has compiled and re-

1 viewed for accuracy a list of all enrolled tribal
2 members that are both a minimum of $\frac{1}{16}$ Cow-
3 litz blood and 62 years of age or older as of
4 February 14, 2000.

5 (B) VERIFICATION.—The Secretary has
6 verified the blood quantum and age of the tribal
7 members identified on the list under subpara-
8 graph (A).

9 (C) REQUEST FOR DISBURSEMENT.—The
10 Cowlitz Tribal Council has made a request for
11 disbursement of judgment funds for the elderly
12 assistance payment.

13 (3) DEATH OF TRIBAL ELDER.—If a tribal
14 elder eligible for an elderly assistance payment dies
15 before receiving payment under this subsection, the
16 funds that would have been paid to the tribal elder
17 shall be added to and distributed in accordance with
18 the emergency assistance program under subsection
19 (c).

20 (4) COSTS.—The Secretary shall pay all costs
21 of distribution under this subsection out of the
22 amount set aside under paragraph (1).

23 (c) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

1 (1) SETASIDE.—From the principal, the Sec-
2 retary shall set aside 10 percent for an emergency
3 assistance program.

4 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST.—Beginning
5 the second year after the date of enactment of this
6 Act, interest earned on the amount setaside—

7 (A) shall be distributed annually in a lump
8 sum to the Cowlitz Tribal Council; and

9 (B) shall be used to provide emergency as-
10 sistance for tribal members.

11 (3) AVAILABILITY OF INTEREST.—Of the initial
12 interest, 10 percent shall be available on the date of
13 enactment of this Act shall be used to fund the pro-
14 gram for the first year after the date of enactment
15 of this Act.

16 (d) EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL
17 TRAINING PROGRAM.—

18 (1) SETASIDE.—From the principal, the Sec-
19 retary shall set aside 10 percent for an education,
20 vocational, and cultural training program.

21 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST.—Beginning
22 the second year after the date of enactment of this
23 Act, interest earned on the amount setaside—

24 (A) shall be distributed annually in a lump
25 sum to the Cowlitz Tribal Council; and

1 (B) shall be used to provide scholarships to
2 tribal members pursuing educational advance-
3 ment, including cultural and vocational train-
4 ing.

5 (3) AVAILABILITY OF INTEREST.—Of the initial
6 interest, 10 percent shall be available upon the date
7 of enactment of this Act to fund the program for the
8 first year after the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (e) HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

10 (1) SETASIDE.—From the principal, the Sec-
11 retary shall set aside 5 percent for a housing assist-
12 ance program.

13 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST.—Beginning
14 the second year after the date of enactment of this
15 Act, interest earned on the amount set aside—

16 (A) shall be disbursed annually in a lump
17 sum to the Cowlitz Tribal Council; and

18 (B) shall be—

19 (i) used as a supplement to any exist-
20 ing tribal housing improvements program;
21 or

22 (ii) used in a separate housing assist-
23 ance Program established by the Cowlitz
24 Tribal Council.

1 (3) AVAILABILITY OF INTEREST.—Of the initial
2 interest, 5 percent shall be available on the date of
3 enactment of this Act to fund the program for the
4 first year after the date of enactment of this Act.

5 (f) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRIBAL, AND CUL-
6 TURAL CENTERS.—

7 (1) SETASIDE.—From the principal, the Sec-
8 retary shall set aside 21.5 percent—

9 (A) for economic development; and

10 (B) if other funding is not available or not
11 adequate (as determined by the Tribe), for the
12 construction and maintenance of tribal and cul-
13 tural centers.

14 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST.—Beginning
15 the second year after the date of enactment of this
16 Act, interest earned on the amount set aside—

17 (A) shall be disbursed annually in a lump
18 sum to the Cowlitz Tribal Council; and

19 (B) shall be used for—

20 (i) property acquisition for business or
21 other activities that are likely to benefit
22 the Tribe economically or provide employ-
23 ment for tribal members;

24 (ii) business development for the
25 Tribe, including collateralization of loans

1 for the purchase or operation of busi-
2 nesses, matching funds for economic devel-
3 opment grants, joint venture partnerships,
4 and other similar ventures that are likely
5 to produce profits for the Tribe; and

6 (iii) design, construction, mainte-
7 nance, and operation of tribal centers and
8 cultural centers.

9 (3) LOAN REPAYMENT.—The principal and in-
10 terest of any business loan made under paragraph
11 (2) shall be repaid to the economic development pro-
12 gram for reinvestments, and business profits shall be
13 credited to the general fund of the Tribe for uses to
14 be determined by the Cowlitz Tribal Council.

15 (4) AVAILABILITY OF INTEREST.— 21.5 percent
16 of the initial interest available upon the date of en-
17 actment of this Act to fund the program for the first
18 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

19 (g) NATURAL RESOURCES.—

20 (1) SETASIDE.—From the principal, the Sec-
21 retary shall set aside 7.5 percent for natural re-
22 sources.

23 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST.—Beginning
24 the second year after the date of enactment of this
25 Act, interest earned on the amount set aside—

1 (A) shall be disbursed annually in a lump
2 sum to the Cowlitz Tribal Council; and

3 (B) may be added to any existing tribal
4 natural resource program to enhance the use
5 and enjoyment by the Tribe of existing and re-
6 newable natural resources on tribal land.

7 (3) AVAILABILITY OF INTEREST.—7.5 percent
8 of the initial interest shall be available upon the date
9 of enactment of this Act to fund the program for the
10 first year after the date of enactment of this Act.

11 (h) CULTURAL RESOURCES.—

12 (1) SETASIDE.—From the principal, the Sec-
13 retary shall set aside 4 percent for cultural re-
14 sources.

15 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST.—Beginning
16 the second year after the date of enactment of this
17 Act, interest earned on the amount set aside—

18 (A) shall be distributed annually in a lump
19 sum to the Cowlitz Tribal Council; and

20 (B) shall be used to—

21 (i) maintain artifacts;

22 (ii) collect documents; and

23 (iii) archive and identify cultural sites
24 of tribal significance.

1 (3) AVAILABILITY OR INTEREST.—Of the initial
2 interest, 4 percent shall be available on the date of
3 enactment of this Act to fund the program for the
4 first year after the date of enactment of this Act.

5 (i) HEALTH.—

6 (1) SETASIDE.—From the principal, the Sec-
7 retary shall set aside 21 percent for health.

8 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST.—Beginning
9 the second year after the date of enactment of this
10 Act, interest earned on the amount set aside—

11 (A) shall be disbursed annually in a lump
12 sum to the Cowlitz Tribal Council; and

13 (B) shall be used for the health needs of
14 the Tribe.

15 (3) AVAILABILITY OF INTEREST.—21 percent of
16 the initial interest shall be available on the date of
17 enactment of this Act to fund the program for the
18 first year after the date of enactment of this Act.

19 (j) TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM.—

20 (1) SETASIDE.—From the principal, the Sec-
21 retary shall set aside 21 percent for tribal adminis-
22 tration.

23 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST.—

24 (A) INITIAL DISTRIBUTION.—Of the initial
25 interest, 21 percent, and of the principal, the

1 difference between 21 percent of the initial in-
2 terest and \$150,000, shall be set aside and im-
3 mediately disbursed to the Tribe for the pur-
4 poses of funding tribal administration for the
5 first year after the date of enactment of this
6 Act.

7 (B) SUBSEQUENT DISTRIBUTION.—Begin-
8 ning the second year after the date of enact-
9 ment of this Act, interest earned on the remain-
10 ing principal set aside under this subsection
11 shall be disbursed annually in a lump sum to
12 pay the operating costs of the Cowlitz Tribal
13 Council, including travel, telephone, cultural,
14 and other expenses incurred in the conduct of
15 the affairs of the Tribe and legal fees as ap-
16 proved by the Cowlitz Tribal Council.

17 (k) GENERAL CONDITIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The conditions stated in this
19 subsection apply to the management and use of all
20 funds available under this title by the Cowlitz Tribal
21 Council.

22 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than
23 10 percent of the interest earned on the principal
24 designated for the program under any subsection,
25 except the programs under subsections (i) and (j),

1 may be used for the administrative costs of the pro-
2 gram.

3 (3) NO SERVICE AREA.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—No service area is im-
5 plied or imposed under any program under this
6 title.

7 (B) MEMBERS OUTSIDE SERVICE AREA.—

8 If the costs of administering any program
9 under this Act for the benefit of tribal members
10 living outside the Tribe's Indian Health Service
11 area are greater than 10 percent of the interest
12 earned on the principal designated for that pro-
13 gram, the Cowlitz Tribal Council may authorize
14 the expenditure of such funds for that program.

15 (3) APPROVAL.—Before any expenditures, the
16 Cowlitz Tribal Council shall approve all programs
17 and shall publish in a publication of general circula-
18 tion regulations that provide standards and priorities
19 for programs under this title.

20 (4) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW.—Section 7
21 of the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Use or Dis-
22 tribution Act (25 U.S.C. 1407) shall apply to funds
23 available under this title.

24 (5) APPEAL.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Any tribal member who
 2 believes that he or she has been unfairly denied
 3 the right to take part in any program under
 4 this title may appeal to the tribal secretary.

5 (B) RESOLUTION.—The tribal secretary
 6 shall bring the appeal to the Cowlitz Tribal
 7 Council for resolution.

8 (C) TIMELY RESPONSE.—The resolution
 9 shall be made in a timely manner, and the trib-
 10 al secretary shall respond to the tribal member.

11 **TITLE III—ASSINIBOINE AND**
 12 **SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT**
 13 **PECK RESERVATION**

14 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

15 This title may be cited as the “Assiniboine and Sioux
 16 Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation Judgment Fund Dis-
 17 tribution Act of 2003”.

18 **SEC. 302. FINDINGS.**

19 Congress finds that—

20 (1) on December 18, 1987, the Assiniboine and
 21 Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and 5 in-
 22 dividual Fort Peck tribal members filed a complaint
 23 in the United States Claims Court (currently the
 24 Court of Federal Claims) in the case of Assiniboine
 25 and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation v.

1 United States of America, Docket No. 773–87–L, to
2 recover interest earned on trust funds while those
3 funds were held in special deposit accounts and In-
4 dian Moneys–Proceeds of Labor accounts;

5 (2) the Court held that the United States was
6 liable for any income derived from investment of the
7 trust funds of the Tribe and individual members of
8 the Tribe for the period during which those funds
9 were held in special deposit accounts and Indian
10 Moneys–Proceeds of Labor accounts;

11 (3) on December 31, 1998, the plaintiffs en-
12 tered into a settlement with the United States for
13 claims made in the case for payment by the United
14 States of—

15 (A) \$1,339,415.33, representing interest
16 earned on funds while held in special deposit
17 accounts at the Fort Peck Agency during the
18 period August 13, 1946, through September 30,
19 1981;

20 (B) \$2,749,354.41, representing—

21 (i) interest on the principal indebted-
22 ness for the period from August 13, 1946,
23 through July 31, 1998; plus

24 (ii) \$364.27 in per diem interest on
25 the principal indebtedness for each day

1 during the period commencing August 1,
2 1998, and ending on the date on which the
3 judgment is paid; and

4 (C) \$350,000, representing the litigation
5 costs and attorney's fees that the Tribe in-
6 curred to prosecute the claims;

7 (4) the terms of the settlement were approved
8 by the Court on January 8, 1999, and judgment was
9 entered on January 12, 1999;

10 (5) on March 18, 1999, \$4,522,551.84 was
11 transferred to the Department of the Interior;

12 (6) that judgment amount was deposited in an
13 escrow account established to provide—

14 (A) \$350,000 for the payment of attor-
15 ney's fees and expenses; and

16 (B) \$4,172,551.84 for pending Court-or-
17 dered distribution to the Tribe and individual
18 Indian trust beneficiaries;

19 (7) on January 31, 2001, the Court approved
20 a joint stipulation that established procedures for—

21 (A) identification of the class of individual
22 Indians having an interest in the judgment;

23 (B) notice to and certification of that
24 class; and

1 (C) the distribution of the judgment
2 amount to the Tribe and affected class of indi-
3 vidual Indians;

4 (8)(A) on or about February 14, 2001, in ac-
5 cordance with the Court-approved stipulation,
6 \$643,186.73 was transferred to an account estab-
7 lished by the Secretary for the benefit of the Tribe;
8 and

9 (B) that transferred amount represents—

10 (i) 54.2 percent of the Tribe's estimated
11 26-percent share of the amount referred to in
12 paragraph (6)(B); plus

13 (ii) 50 percent of the Tribe's estimated 26-
14 percent share of interest and capital gains
15 earned on the judgment amount from the pe-
16 riod beginning March 18, 1999, and ending on
17 December 31, 2000;

18 (9) under the Court-approved stipulation—

19 (A) that transferred amount is to remain
20 available for use by the Tribe in accordance
21 with a plan adopted under the Indian Tribal
22 Judgment Funds Use or Distribution Act (25
23 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.);

24 (B) the Tribe will most likely receive addi-
25 tional payments from the distribution amount

1 once the identification of all individuals eligible
2 to share in the distribution amount is completed
3 and the pro rata shares are calculated; and

4 (C) those additional payments would in-
5 clude—

6 (i) the balance of the share of the
7 Tribe of the distribution amount and in-
8 vestment income earned on the distribution
9 amount;

10 (ii) the portion of the distribution
11 amount that represents income derived on
12 funds in special deposit accounts that are
13 not attributable to the Tribe or any indi-
14 vidual Indian; and

15 (iii) the portion of the distribution
16 amount that represents shares attributable
17 to individual Indians that—

18 (I) cannot be located for pur-
19 poses of accepting payment; and

20 (II) will not be bound by the
21 judgment in the case referred to in
22 paragraph (1); and

23 (10) under the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds
24 Use or Distribution Act (25 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.),
25 the Secretary is required to submit to Congress for

1 approval an Indian judgment fund use or distribu-
2 tion plan.

3 **SEC. 303. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this title:

5 (1) COURT.—The term “Court” means the
6 Court of Federal Claims.

7 (2) DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT.—The term “dis-
8 tribution amount” means the amount referred to in
9 section 302(6)(B).

10 (3) JUDGMENT AMOUNT.—The term “judgment
11 amount” means the amount referred to in section
12 302(5).

13 (4) PRINCIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.—The term
14 “principal indebtedness” means the amount referred
15 to in section 302(3)(A).

16 (5) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the As-
17 siniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Res-
18 ervation.

19 **SEC. 304. DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGMENT FUNDS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of
21 the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Use or Distribution
22 Act (25 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), the share of the Tribe of
23 the distribution amount, and such additional amounts as
24 may be awarded to the Tribe by the Court with respect

1 to the case referred to in section 302(1) (including any
2 interest accrued on those amounts)—

3 (1) shall be made available for tribal health,
4 education, housing, and social services programs of
5 the Tribe, including—

6 (A) educational and youth programs;

7 (B) programs for improvement of facilities
8 and housing;

9 (C) programs to provide equipment for
10 public utilities;

11 (D) programs to provide medical assistance
12 or dental, optical, or convalescent equipment;
13 and

14 (E) programs to provide senior citizen and
15 community services; and

16 (2) shall not be available for per capita dis-
17 tribution to any member of the Tribe.

18 (b) BUDGET SPECIFICATION.—The specific programs
19 for which funds are made available under subsection
20 (a)(1), and the amount of funds allocated to each of those
21 programs, shall be specified in an annual budget developed
22 by the Tribe and approved by the Secretary.

23 **SEC. 305. APPLICABLE LAW.**

24 Except as provided in section 304(a), all funds dis-
25 tributed under this title are subject to sections 7 and 8

1 of the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Use or Distribution
 2 Act (25 U.S.C. 1407, 1408).

3 **TITLE IV—UTU UTU GWAITU**
 4 **PAIUTE INDIAN LAND TRANSFER**

5 **SEC. 401. TRANSFER.**

6 Section 902(b) of the California Indian Land Trans-
 7 fer Act (114 Stat. 2921) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “3,525.8” and inserting
 9 “3,765.8”; and

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

11 “(9) UTU UTU GWAITU PAIUTE TRIBE.—Lands
 12 to be held in trust for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute
 13 Tribe, Benton Paiute Reservation are comprised of
 14 approximately 240 acres described as follows:

15 “Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

16 “Township 2 South, Range 31 East

17 “Section 11:

18 “SE¹/₂ and E¹/₂ of SW¹/₄.”

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