

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1654

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2007

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. BEST INTERESTS OF INDIAN TRIBES AND IM-**  
2 **PACT ON COMMUNITY CONSIDERED.**

3 Section 20(b)(1)(B) of the Indian Gaming Regu-  
4 latory Act (25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(B)) is amended by in-  
5 serting before “lands are taken into trust” the following:  
6 “the Secretary, after consultation with the Indian tribe  
7 and appropriate State and local officials, including offi-  
8 cials of other nearby Indian tribes, determines that a gam-  
9 ing establishment on the newly acquired lands would be  
10 in the best interest of the Indian tribe and its members,  
11 and would not be detrimental to the surrounding commu-  
12 nity and those newly acquired”.

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