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H. R. 2145

To establish a pilot program in the Department of State for improvement of government-to-government relations with the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2007

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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. ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, acting on
5 behalf of the Federal Government, shall establish in the
6 Department of State a pilot program with the Miccosukee
7 Indian tribe for the purpose of exploring the development
8 of more appropriate and effective arrangements for man-

1 aging relations between the Federal Government and In-
2 dian tribes.

3 (b) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITIES.—Notwithstanding
4 any other provision of law, the authorities and responsibil-
5 ities vested in any official or agency of the Federal Gov-
6 ernment with respect to managing relations between the
7 Federal Government and the Miccosukee Indian tribe are
8 hereby vested in the Secretary of State.

9 (c) CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION.—The Sec-
10 retary of State may consult with any official of the Federal
11 Government, and such official shall cooperate with the
12 Secretary, with respect to any aspect of the management
13 of relations between the Federal Government and Indian
14 tribes.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) INDIAN.—The term “Indian” has the mean-
17 ing given such term in section 4(d) of the Indian
18 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
19 (25 U.S.C. 450b(d)).

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

1 (3) MICCOSUKEE INDIAN TRIBE.—The term
2 “Miccosukee Indian tribe” means the Miccosukee
3 tribe of Indians in Florida.

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