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H. R. 3697

To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2009

Mr. COLE 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. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 19 of the Act of June 18,
5 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization
6 Act”) (25 U.S.C. 479), is amended—

7 (1) in the first sentence—

8 (A) by striking “The term” and inserting
9 “Effective beginning on June 18, 1934, the
10 term”; and

1 (B) by striking “any recognized Indian
2 tribe now under Federal jurisdiction” and in-
3 serting “any federally recognized Indian tribe”;
4 and

5 (2) by striking the third sentence and inserting
6 the following: “In this section, the term ‘Indian
7 tribe’ means any Indian or Alaska Native tribe,
8 band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the
9 Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an
10 Indian tribe.”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the Act
13 of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reor-
14 ganization Act”) (25 U.S.C. 479), on the date of enact-
15 ment of that Act.

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