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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OWENS 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Land-In-Trust Schools
5 and Local Governments Equitable Compensation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN LAND HELD IN TRUST.**

2 (a) AGREEMENT.—As soon as practicable after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior
4 (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall at-
5 tempt to negotiate an agreement among the applicable
6 local education agency or unit of local government, the
7 Secretary, the appropriate State, and, if appropriate, any
8 federally recognized Indian tribe or individual Indian,
9 under which all parties agree that the amounts described
10 in subsection (b) shall be—

11 (1) waived in whole or in part;

12 (2) limited for an agreed upon number of years;

13 or

14 (3) otherwise adjusted, including adjusting the
15 timing of any payments.

16 (b) TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS.—If an agreement is not
17 entered into under subsection (a), for the first fiscal year
18 beginning after the date of enactment of this Act and each
19 fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
20 transfer directly to the Secretary of Interior from the gen-
21 eral fund of the Treasury, without further appropriation,
22 such amounts as are necessary, after taking into account
23 any other amounts appropriated to make payments under
24 this subsection, to make payments from the Secretary to
25 the applicable local educational agency or unit of local gov-
26 ernment in an amount necessary to ensure that the local

1 educational agency or unit of local government receives
2 full payment for the amount of property tax revenues lost
3 as a result of land under the jurisdiction of the local edu-
4 cational agency or unit of local government being held in
5 trust by the United States for the benefit of a federally
6 recognized Indian tribe or an individual Indian, to be cal-
7 culated in a manner that provides that the taxes (other-
8 wise payable but for the status of the land being held in
9 trust) shall be assessed and paid annually at the same rate
10 as the taxes would be assessed and paid if not in trust.

11 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 This Act shall apply to all land taken into trust by
13 the United States for the benefit of a federally recognized
14 Indian tribe or an individual Indian on or after October
15 1, 2008.

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