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S. 1487

To provide for certain conveyances of surface estate under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “ANCSA Kaktovik and
5 Canyon Village Land Conveyance Settlement Act of
6 2017”.

7 **SEC. 2. KAKTOVIK AND CANYON VILLAGE.**

8 (a) KAKTOVIK INUPIAT CORPORATION.—To maxi-
9 mize Federal revenues by removing clouds on title to land

1 and clarifying land ownership patterns within the Coastal
2 Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, notwith-
3 standing section 1302(h)(2) of the Alaska National Inter-
4 est Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3192(h)(2)), the
5 Secretary shall convey—

6 (1) to the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation the
7 surface estate of the land described in paragraph 1
8 of Public Land Order 6959 (58 Fed. Reg. 14323),
9 to the extent necessary to fulfill the entitlement of
10 the Corporation under section 12 of the Alaska Na-
11 tive Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1611) in ac-
12 cordance with the terms and conditions of the
13 Agreement between the Department of the Interior,
14 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bu-
15 reau of Land Management, and the Kaktovik
16 Inupiat Corporation, effective January 22, 1993;
17 and

18 (2) to the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
19 the remaining subsurface estate to which the Cor-
20 poration is entitled pursuant to the Agreement be-
21 tween the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and the
22 United States of America dated August 9, 1983.

23 (b) CANYON VILLAGE.—

24 (1) CONVEYANCE.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
2 convey to Kian Tr’ee Corporation, for the Na-
3 tive Village of Canyon Village, the surface es-
4 tate in the land selected by the Kian Tr’ee Cor-
5 poration pursuant to section 14(h)(2) of the
6 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43
7 U.S.C. 1613(h)(2)).

8 (B) APPLICATION.—Section 2653.3(c) of
9 title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
10 cessor regulations), shall not apply to the con-
11 veyance under subparagraph (A).

12 (2) LIMITATION.—The conveyance under para-
13 graph (1)(A) shall not exceed 6,400 acres.

14 (3) SUBSURFACE ESTATE.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Unless Doyon, Limited,
16 elects to receive conveyance under subpara-
17 graph (B), the Secretary shall convey to Doyon,
18 Limited, the subsurface estate in the land con-
19 veyed under paragraph (1)(A).

20 (B) ALTERNATE SELECTION.—At the op-
21 tion of Doyon, Limited, in lieu of accepting the
22 conveyance under subparagraph (A)—

23 (i) Doyon, Limited, may receive a con-
24 veyance from existing selections on land
25 withdrawn pursuant to section 11(a)(3) of

1 the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
2 (43 U.S.C. 1610(a)(3)) that is equal in
3 acreage to the subsurface that would oth-
4 erwise be conveyed under subparagraph
5 (A);

6 (ii) Doyon, Limited, shall notify the
7 Secretary (acting through the Alaska State
8 Office of the Bureau of Land Manage-
9 ment) of the preference of Doyon, Limited,
10 not later than 90 days after the date of en-
11 actment of this Act; and

12 (iii) the Secretary shall convey to
13 Doyon, Limited, the subsurface estate se-
14 lected under clause (i).

15 (c) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.—In this section, the
16 term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

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