

# Union Calendar No. 472

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 825

**[Report No. 115–619, Part I]**

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

APRIL 5, 2018

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL 5, 2018

The Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

# **AN ACT**

To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes.

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 “Southeast Alaska Re-

5 gional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.**

7        (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but not

8 later than 2 years, after the date of enactment of this Act,

9 the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to

10 in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall convey to the South-

11 east Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka,

12 Alaska (referred to in this Act as the “Consortium”), all

13 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to

14 the property described in section 3 for use in connection

15 with health and social services programs.

16        (b) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The con-

17 veyance by the Secretary of title by warranty deeds under

18 this section shall, on the effective date of the conveyance,

19 supersede and render of no future effect any quitclaim

20 deed to the property described in section 3 executed by

21 the Secretary and the Consortium.

22        (c) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of the property

23 under this Act—

24            (1) shall be made by warranty deed; and

25            (2) shall not—

1 (A) require any consideration from the  
2 Consortium for the property;

3 (B) impose any obligation, term, or condi-  
4 tion on the Consortium; or

5 (C) allow for any reversionary interest of  
6 the United States in the property.

7 **SEC. 3. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**

8 The property, including all land and appurtenances,  
9 described in this section is the property included in U.S.  
10 Survey 1496, Lots 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11A, 11A Parcel A, and  
11 11B, partially surveyed Township 55 South, Range 63  
12 East of the Copper River Meridian, containing 19.07  
13 acres, in Sitka, Alaska.

14 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.**

15 (a) LIABILITY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
17 provision of law, the Consortium shall not be liable  
18 for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or other  
19 contamination resulting from the disposal, release,  
20 or presence of any environmental contamination on  
21 any portion of the property described in section 3 on  
22 or before the date on which the property is conveyed  
23 to the Consortium, except that the Secretary shall  
24 not be liable for any contamination that occurred

1 after the date on which the Consortium controlled,  
2 occupied, and used such property.

3 (2) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—An en-  
4 vironmental contamination described in paragraph  
5 (1) includes any oil or petroleum products, haz-  
6 ardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous  
7 waste, pollutants, toxic substances, solid waste, or  
8 any other environmental contamination or hazard as  
9 defined in any Federal or State of Alaska law.

10 (b) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be accorded  
11 any easement or access to the property conveyed under  
12 this Act as may be reasonably necessary to satisfy any  
13 retained obligation or liability of the Secretary.

14 (c) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIVITY  
15 AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary  
16 shall comply with subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section  
17 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,  
18 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.  
19 9620(h)(3)).

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