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S. 2808

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, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. JONES, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. SMITH, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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. AUTHORITY REAFFIRMED.**

4 (a) REAFFIRMATION.—Section 19 of the Act of June
5 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 988, chapter 576; 25 U.S.C. 5129)
6 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization Act”),
7 is amended—

8 (1) in the first sentence—

1 (A) by striking “The term” and inserting
2 “Effective beginning on June 18, 1934, the
3 term”; and

4 (B) by striking “any recognized Indian
5 tribe now under Federal jurisdiction” and in-
6 serting “any federally recognized Indian tribe”;
7 and

8 (2) by striking the third sentence and inserting
9 the following: “In this Act, the terms ‘Indian tribe’
10 and ‘tribe’ mean any Indian or Alaska Native tribe,
11 band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the
12 Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an
13 Indian tribe.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the Act
16 of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984, chapter 576; 25 U.S.C.
17 5101 et seq.) (commonly known as the “Indian Reorga-
18 nization Act”), on the date of the enactment of that Act.

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