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H. R. 441

To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG introduced the following bill; which was 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

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. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO THE TANANA**
4 **TRIBAL COUNCIL.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but
7 not later than 180 days, after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”)
2 shall convey to the Tanana Tribal Council located in
3 Tanana, Alaska (referred to in this section as the
4 “Council”), all right, title, and interest of the United
5 States in and to the property described in subsection
6 (b) for use in connection with health and social serv-
7 ices programs.

8 (2) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The
9 conveyance by the Secretary of title by warranty
10 deed under this subsection shall, on the effective
11 date of the conveyance, supersede and render of no
12 future effect any quitclaim deed to the property de-
13 scribed in subsection (b) executed by the Secretary
14 and the Council.

15 (3) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of the prop-
16 erty under this section—

17 (A) shall be made by warranty deed; and

18 (B) shall not—

19 (i) require any consideration from the
20 Council for the property;

21 (ii) impose any obligation, term, or
22 condition on the Council; or

23 (iii) allow for any reversionary interest
24 of the United States in the property.

1 (b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property, including
2 all land, improvements, and appurtenances, described in
3 this subsection is the property included in U.S. Survey No.
4 5958, Lot 12, in the village of Tanana, Alaska, within sur-
5 veyed Township 4N, Range 22W, Fairbanks Meridian,
6 Alaska, containing 11.25 acres.

7 (c) ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.—

8 (1) LIABILITY.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of law, the Council shall not be
11 liable for any soil, surface water, groundwater,
12 or other contamination resulting from the dis-
13 posal, release, or presence of any environmental
14 contamination on any portion of the property
15 described in subsection (b) on or before the
16 date on which the property is conveyed to the
17 Council.

18 (B) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—

19 An environmental contamination described in
20 subparagraph (A) includes any oil or petroleum
21 products, hazardous substances, hazardous ma-
22 terials, hazardous waste, pollutants, toxic sub-
23 stances, solid waste, or any other environmental
24 contamination or hazard as defined in any Fed-
25 eral or State of Alaska law.

1 (2) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be ac-
2 corded any easement or access to the property con-
3 veyed under this section as may be reasonably nec-
4 essary to satisfy any retained obligation or liability
5 of the Secretary.

6 (3) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIV-
7 ITY AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this section,
8 the Secretary shall comply with subparagraphs (A)
9 and (B) of section 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive
10 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
11 ity Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)(3)).

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