Public Law 97-428 97th Congress

An Act

Jan. 8, 1983 [H.R. 4001] To authorize the exchange of certain land held in trust by the United States for the Navajo Tribe, and for other purposes.

Indians. Navajo Tribe, lands held in Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Navajo Tribe may exchange all of its interests in any land held in trust by the United States for the tribe in sections 4, 5, 8, and 9 of township 12 north, range 18 west, New Mexico principal meridian for the land located in section 14, township 13 north, range 18 west, New Mexico principal meridian which is owned by Bernard J. Vanderwagen or Linda Vanderwagen Ortega or both of them. The land so acquired by the Navajo Tribe shall be held in trust by the United States for the tribe and shall have the same status as the land exchanged.

Sec. 2. The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the partitioning of certain restricted Indian land in the State of Kansas", approved October 15, 1982 (Public Law 97-344), is amended by striking out "township 11" in paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof "township 12"

ship 12".

Sec. 3. Section 6(i) of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-420) is amended by adding at the end thereof

the following:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law authorizing the provision of special programs and services by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians, any member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in or near the town of Houlton, Maine, shall be eligible for such programs and services without regard to the existence of a reservation or of the residence of such member on or near a reservation."

Approved January 8, 1983.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY-H.R. 4001 (S.159):

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Certain restricted land, Kans. Ante, p. 1645.

Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. 25 USC 1725.