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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To transfer lands held in trust by the United States for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to a constituent Band of the Tribe, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STAUBER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) The Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive
6 Committee is the duly elected governing body of the
7 Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, comprised of 6 member

1 reservations: Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Por-
2 tage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, and White Earth.

3 (2) The Tribal Executive Committee finds that
4 Band ownership, in fee simple, of trust lands within
5 the reservations of the constituent Bands will both
6 eliminate uncertainty associated with ownership and
7 enable the fulfillment of treaty promises premised on
8 reservations for the use and benefit of the Bands.

9 **SEC. 2. MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE LAND TRANSFERS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d), all
11 right, title, and interest in lands held in trust by the
12 United States for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe on the
13 date of the enactment of this Act are hereby transferred
14 as follows:

15 (1) Such lands located within the reservation of
16 a constituent Band of the Tribe to the constituent
17 Band of the Tribe within whose reservation the land
18 is located.

19 (2) Such lands not located within the reserva-
20 tion of a constituent Band of the Tribe to the con-
21 stituent Band of the Tribe whose reservation is clos-
22 est to the land.

23 (b) CONSTITUENT BAND OF THE TRIBE.—The term
24 “constituent Band of the Tribe” means one of the fol-
25 lowing Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe:

- 1 (1) Bois Forte.
- 2 (2) Fond du Lac.
- 3 (3) Grand Portage.
- 4 (4) Leech Lake.
- 5 (5) Mille Lacs.
- 6 (6) White Earth.

7 (c) LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS AND DOCUMENTS.—Not
8 later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall have—

10 (1) published in the Federal Register a notice—

11 (A) describing the land transferred by sub-
12 section (a); and

13 (B) identifying the constituent Band to
14 which that land was transferred; and

15 (2) documented the transfers made by sub-
16 section (a) by appropriate order or other administra-
17 tive action.

18 (d) CERTAIN RIGHTS NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in
19 this Act shall—

20 (1) alter, or require the alteration of, any valid
21 rights under any lease, easement, contract assign-
22 ment or similar instrument entered into or issued
23 before the date of the enactment of this Act, or

24 (2) restrict the authority of the Secretary of the
25 Interior with respect to any such rights.