

# Union Calendar No. 128

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 387

[Report No. 114-173]

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Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2015

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. COOK, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Mr. LAMALFA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JUNE 23, 2015

Additional sponsors: Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mrs. TORRES

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Economic Development  
5 Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions  
8 apply:

9           (1) BANNING.—The term “Banning” means the  
10 City of Banning, which is located in Riverside Coun-  
11 ty, California adjacent to the Morongo Indian Res-  
12 ervation.

13           (2) FIELDS.—The term “Fields” means Lloyd  
14 L. Fields, the owner of record of Parcel A.

15           (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
16 titled ‘Morongo Indian Reservation, County of River-  
17 side, State of California Land Exchange Map’, and  
18 dated May 22, 2014, which is on file in the Bureau  
19 of Land Management State Office in Sacramento,  
20 California.

21           (4) PARCEL A.—The term “Parcel A” means  
22 the approximately 41.15 acres designated on the  
23 map as “Fields lands”.

1           (5) PARCEL B.—The term “Parcel B” means  
2           the approximately 41.15 acres designated on the  
3           map as “Morongo lands”.

4           (6) PARCEL C.—The term “Parcel C” means  
5           the approximately 1.21 acres designated on the map  
6           as “Banning land”.

7           (7) PARCEL D.—The term “Parcel D” means  
8           the approximately 1.76 acres designated on the map  
9           as “Easement to Banning”.

10          (8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11          the Secretary of the Interior.

12          (9) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the  
13          Morongo Band of Mission Indians, a federally recog-  
14          nized Indian tribe.

15 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF LANDS; TRUST LANDS, EASEMENT.**

16          (a) TRANSFER OF PARCEL A AND PARCEL B AND  
17          EASEMENT OVER PARCEL D.—Subject to any valid exist-  
18          ing rights of any third parties and to legal review and ap-  
19          proval of the form and content of any and all instruments  
20          of conveyance and policies of title insurance, upon receipt  
21          by the Secretary of confirmation that Fields has duly exe-  
22          cuted and deposited with a mutually acceptable and jointly  
23          instructed escrow holder in California a deed conveying  
24          clear and unencumbered title to Parcel A to the United  
25          States in trust for the exclusive use and benefit of the

1 Tribe, and upon receipt by Fields of confirmation that the  
2 Secretary has duly executed and deposited into escrow  
3 with the same mutually acceptable and jointly instructed  
4 escrow holder a patent conveying clear and unencumbered  
5 title in fee simple to Parcel B to Fields and has duly exe-  
6 cuted and deposited into escrow with the same mutually  
7 acceptable and jointly instructed escrow holder an ease-  
8 ment to the City for a public right-of-way over Parcel D,  
9 the Secretary shall instruct the escrow holder to simulta-  
10 neously cause—

11           (1) the patent to Parcel B to be recorded and  
12           issued to Fields;

13           (2) the easement over Parcel D to be recorded  
14           and issued to the City; and

15           (3) the deed to Parcel A to be delivered to the  
16           Secretary, who shall immediately cause said deed to  
17           be recorded and held in trust for the Tribe.

18           (b) TRANSFER OF PARCEL C.—After the simulta-  
19 neous transfer of parcels A, B, and D under subsection  
20 (a), upon receipt by the Secretary of confirmation that the  
21 City has vacated its interest in Parcel C pursuant to all  
22 applicable State and local laws, the Secretary shall imme-  
23 diately cause Parcel C to be held in trust for the Tribe  
24 subject to—

- 1           (1) any valid existing rights of any third par-
- 2           ties; and
- 3           (2) legal review and approval of the form and
- 4           content of any and all instruments of conveyance.



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