

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2009, with an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2009

To provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2015

Mr. GRIJALVA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona.

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 “Pascua Yaqui Tribe
5 Land Conveyance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions
3 apply:

4 (1) DISTRICT.—The term “District” means the
5 Tucson Unified School District No. 1, a school dis-
6 trict recognized as such under the laws of the State
7 of Arizona.

8 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map ti-
9 tled “Pascua Yaqui Tribe Land Conveyance Act”,
10 dated March 14, 2016, and on file and available for
11 public inspection in the local office of the Bureau of
12 Land Management.

13 (3) RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES
14 ACT.—The term “Recreation and Public Purposes
15 Act” means the Act of June 14, 1926 (43 U.S.C.
16 869 et seq.).

17 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of the Interior.

19 (5) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
20 Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, a federally recog-
21 nized Indian tribe.

22 **SEC. 3. LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST.**

23 (a) PARCEL A.—Subject to subsection (b) and to
24 valid existing rights, all right, title, and interest of the
25 United States in and to the approximately 39.65 acres of
26 Federal lands generally depicted on the map as “Parcel

1 A” are declared to be held in trust by the United States
2 for the benefit of the Tribe.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-
4 fect on the day after the date on which the District relin-
5 quishes all right, title, and interest of the District in and
6 to the approximately 39.65 acres of land described in sub-
7 section (a).

8 **SEC. 4. LANDS TO BE CONVEYED TO THE DISTRICT.**

9 (a) PARCEL B.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
11 rights and payment to the United States of the fair
12 market value, the United States shall convey to the
13 District all right, title, and interest of the United
14 States in and to the approximately 13.24 acres of
15 Federal lands generally depicted on the map as
16 “Parcel B”.

17 (2) DETERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET
18 VALUE.—The fair market value of the property to be
19 conveyed under paragraph (1) shall be determined
20 by the Secretary in accordance with the Uniform
21 Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions
22 and the Uniform Standards of Professional Ap-
23 praisal Practice.

24 (3) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of
25 the conveyance under this subsection, all costs asso-

1 ciated with the conveyance shall be paid by the Dis-
2 trict.

3 (b) PARCEL C.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, not later than one year
5 after the completion of the appraisal required by
6 paragraph (3), the District submits to the Secretary
7 an offer to acquire the Federal reversionary interest
8 in all of the approximately 27.5 acres of land con-
9 veyed to the District under Recreation and Public
10 Purposes Act and generally depicted on the map as
11 “Parcel C”, the Secretary shall convey to the Dis-
12 trict such reversionary interest in the lands covered
13 by the offer. The Secretary shall complete the con-
14 veyance not later than 30 days after the date of the
15 offer.

16 (2) SURVEY.—Not later than 90 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 shall complete a survey of the lands described in this
19 subsection to determine the precise boundaries and
20 acreage of the lands subject to the Federal rever-
21 sionary interest.

22 (3) APPRAISAL.—Not later than 180 days after
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
24 shall complete an appraisal of the Federal rever-
25 sionary interest in the lands identified by the survey

1 required by paragraph (2). The appraisal shall be
2 completed in accordance with the Uniform Appraisal
3 Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and the
4 Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Prac-
5 tice.

6 (4) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the
7 conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest
8 under this subsection, the District shall pay to the
9 Secretary an amount equal to the appraised value of
10 the Federal interest, as determined under paragraph
11 (3). The consideration shall be paid not later than
12 30 days after the date of the conveyance.

13 (5) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of
14 the conveyance under this subsection, all costs asso-
15 ciated with the conveyance, including the cost of the
16 survey required by paragraph (2) and the appraisal
17 required by paragraph (3), shall be paid by the Dis-
18 trict.

19 **SEC. 5. GAMING PROHIBITION.**

20 The Tribe may not conduct gaming activities on lands
21 taken into trust pursuant to this Act, either as a matter
22 of claimed inherent authority, under the authority of any
23 Federal law, including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act
24 (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.), or under regulations promul-

1 gated by the Secretary or the National Indian Gaming
2 Commission.

3 **SEC. 6. WATER RIGHTS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There shall be no Federal re-
5 served right to surface water or groundwater for any land
6 taken into trust by the United States for the benefit of
7 the Tribe under this Act.

8 (b) **STATE WATER RIGHTS.**—The Tribe retains any
9 right or claim to water under State law for any land taken
10 into trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe
11 under this Act.

12 (c) **FORFEITURE OR ABANDONMENT.**—Any water
13 rights that are appurtenant to land taken into trust by
14 the United States for the benefit of the Tribe under this
15 Act may not be forfeited or abandoned.

16 (d) **ADMINISTRATION.**—Nothing in this Act affects or
17 modifies any right of the Tribe or any obligation of the
18 United States under Public Law 95–375 (25 U.S.C. 1300f
19 et seq.).