

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 6707  
OFFERED BY MR. GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Advancing Equality  
3 for Wabanaki Nations Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN LAWS.**

5       (a) APPLICATION OF STATE LAWS.—The Maine In-  
6 dian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–420)  
7 is amended—

8           (1) in section 3—

9                   (A) in subsection (m), by striking “and” at  
10           the end;

11                   (B) in subsection (n), by striking the pe-  
12           riod and inserting “; and”; and

13                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

14       “(o) ‘Mi’kmaq Nation’ means the sole successor to  
15 the Miemac Nation as constituted in aboriginal times in  
16 what is now the State of Maine, and all its predecessors  
17 and successors in interest, and which is represented, as

1 of the date of enactment of this subsection, as to lands  
2 within the United States, by the Mi'kmaq Council.”; and

3 (2) in section 6—

4 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “provided  
5 in section 8(e) and section 5(d)(4)” and insert-  
6 ing “otherwise provided in this Act”; and

7 (B) in subsection (h)—

8 (i) by striking “Except as otherwise  
9 provided in this Act, the” and inserting  
10 “The”;

11 (ii) in the first sentence, by inserting  
12 “or enacted for the benefit of” before “In-  
13 dians, Indian nations”;

14 (iii) by inserting “that is in effect as  
15 of the date of the enactment of the Ad-  
16 vancing Equality for Wabanaki Nations  
17 Act, (2)” after “United States (1)”;

18 (iv) by striking “also (2)” and insert-  
19 ing “also (3)”;

20 (v) by inserting “, unless Federal law  
21 or the State laws of Maine provide for the  
22 application of such Federal law or regula-  
23 tion” after “State” and before the period  
24 at the end.

1 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDIAN CHILD WEL-  
2 FARE ACT.—Section 8 of the Maine Indian Claims Settle-  
3 ment Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–420) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking “or” after “Passama-  
6 quoddy Tribe” and inserting a comma;

7 (B) by inserting “, the Houlton Band of  
8 Maliseet Indians, or the Mi’kmaq Nation” after  
9 “Penobscot Nation”; and

10 (C) in the second sentence, by striking “re-  
11 spective tribe or nation” each place it appears  
12 and inserting “respective tribe, nation, or  
13 band”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) by striking “or” after “Passama-  
16 quoddy Tribe” and inserting a comma; and

17 (B) by inserting “, the Houlton Band of  
18 Maliseet Indians, or the Mi’kmaq Nation” after  
19 “Penobscot Nation”;

20 (3) by striking subsection (e);

21 (4) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
22 section (e); and

23 (5) in subsection (e), as so redesignated—

24 (A) by striking “or” after “Passama-  
25 quoddy Tribe” and inserting a comma;

1 (B) by inserting “, the Houlton Band of  
2 Maliseet Indians, or the Mi’kmaq Nation” after  
3 “Penobscot Nation”; and

4 (C) by striking “or nation” and inserting  
5 “, nation, or band”.

6 (e) CONSTRUCTION.—Section 16 of the Maine Indian  
7 Claims Settlement Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–420) is  
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking “(a)” at the beginning; and

10 (2) by striking subsection (b).

11 (d) AMENDMENT TO THE AROOSTOOK BAND OF  
12 MICMACS SETTLEMENT ACT.—The Aroostook Band of  
13 Micmacs Settlement Act (Public Law 102–171) is amend-  
14 ed by striking section 8.

