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:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Advancing Equality for Wabanaki Nations Act”.

SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN LAWS.
(a) APPLICATION OF STATE LAWS.—The Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–420) is amended—
(1) in section 3—
(A) in subsection (m), by striking “and” at the end;
(B) in subsection (n), by striking the period and inserting “; and”;
(C) by adding at the end the following:
“(o) ‘Mi’kmaq Nation’ means the sole successor to the Miemac Nation as constituted in aboriginal times in what is now the State of Maine, and all its predecessors and successors in interest, and which is represented, as
of the date of enactment of this subsection, as to lands
within the United States, by the Mi’kmaq Council.”; and

(2) in section 6—

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

(B) in subsection (h)—

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

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

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

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

(v) by inserting “, unless Federal law
or the State laws of Maine provide for the
application of such Federal law or regula-
tion” after “State” and before the period
at the end.
(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT.—Section 8 of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–420) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “or” after “Passamaquoddy Tribe” and inserting a comma;

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

(C) in the second sentence, by striking “respective tribe or nation” each place it appears and inserting “respective tribe, nation, or band”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “or” after “Passamaquoddy Tribe” and inserting a comma; and

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

(3) by striking subsection (e);

(4) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (e); and

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

(A) by striking “or” after “Passamaquoddy Tribe” and inserting a comma;
(B) by inserting “, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, or the Mi’kmaq Nation” after “Penobscot Nation”; and

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

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

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

(2) by striking subsection (b).

(d) AMENDMENT TO THE AROOSTOOK BAND OF MICMACS SETTLEMENT ACT.—The Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act (Public Law 102–171) is amended by striking section 8.