

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 205
OFFERED BY MR. HEINRICH OF NEW MEXICO

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 3. LAND TITLE REPORTS.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of Indian Affairs
3 shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Natural Re-
4 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
5 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate a report regarding
6 the history and experience of Indian tribes that have cho-
7 sen to assume responsibility for operating the Indian Land
8 Title and Records Office (referred to in this section as
9 the “LTRO”) functions from the Bureau of Indian Af-
10 fairs.

11 (b) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the review under
12 subsection (a), the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall consult
13 with the Department of Housing and Urban Development
14 Office of Native American Programs and the Indian tribes
15 that are managing LTRO functions (referred to in this
16 section as the “managing Indian tribes”).

17 (c) CONTENTS.—The review under subsection (a)
18 shall include an analysis of the following factors:

19 (1) Whether and how tribal management of the
20 LTRO functions has expedited the processing and

1 issuance of Indian land title certifications as com-
2 pared to the period during which the Bureau of In-
3 dian Affairs managed the programs.

4 (2) Whether and how tribal management of the
5 LTRO functions has increased home ownership
6 among the population of the managing Indian tribe.

7 (3) What internal preparations and processes
8 were required of the managing Indian tribes prior to
9 assuming management of the LTRO functions.

10 (4) Whether tribal management of the LTRO
11 functions resulted in a transfer of financial resources
12 and manpower from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to
13 the managing Indian tribes and, if so, what trans-
14 fers were undertaken.

15 (5) Whether, in appropriate circumstances and
16 with the approval of geographically proximate Indian
17 tribes, the LTRO functions may be performed by a
18 single Indian tribe or a tribal consortium in a cost
19 effective manner.

Amend the long title so as to read: To amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain

leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

