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H. R. 249

To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2015

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

A BILL

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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. AUTHORITY REAFFIRMED.**

4 (a) REAFFIRMATION.—Section 19 of the Act of June
5 18, 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization
6 Act”; 25 U.S.C. 479), is amended—

7 (1) in the first sentence—

1 (A) by striking “The term” and inserting
2 “Effective beginning on June 18, 1934, the
3 term”; and

4 (B) by striking “any recognized Indian
5 tribe now under Federal jurisdiction” and in-
6 serting “any federally recognized Indian tribe”;
7 and

8 (2) by striking the third sentence and inserting
9 the following: “In said sections, the term ‘Indian
10 tribe’ means any Indian or Alaska Native tribe,
11 band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the
12 Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an
13 Indian tribe.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall take effect as if included in the Act of
16 June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorga-
17 nization Act”; 25 U.S.C. 479), on the date of enactment
18 of that Act.

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