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A bill to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Mar 14, 2002

Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 643.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 643. (Oct 8, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murkowski, Frank H. [R-AK]

Party: Republican • State: AK • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 30, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 8, 2002)

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to accept from the Newtok Native Corporation a conveyance, by limited warranty deed, of certain Alaskan lands previously conveyed to Newtok if such Corporation expresses an intent to enter into a land exchange with the United States within 180 days of enactment of this Act. Directs the Secretary to also accept a relinquishment of irrevocable prioritized selections from Newtok for those validly selected lands not yet conveyed to Newtok.

Requires the Secretary, in exchange for the lands from Newtok, to convey to Newtok the surface and subsurface estate of specified Federal lands. States that such conveyance shall be by interim conveyance. Requires that the lands conveyed to the United States be 1.1 times the size of the lands conveyed to Newtok under this Act. Directs the Secretary, after the interim conveyance, to survey the Federal lands at no cost to Newtok and to issue a patent to such lands subject to the provisions of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) of 1971 and this Act.

(Sec. 4) Declares that land conveyed to Newtok under this Act shall be deemed to have been conveyed under ANCSA, with specified provisions of ANCSA concerning patents not to apply to such lands. States that, consistent with the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, such lands shall not be considered part of the Yukon National Wildlife Refuge.

Includes the Newtok lands conveyed to the United States in the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, except that residents of the village of Newtok, Alaska, shall retain access rights guaranteed under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act for subsistence fishing, hunting, and gathering.

Entitles the Calista Corporation to an equivalent acreage of in-lieu subsurface entitlement for the relinquished Newtok selections to the extent that Calista subsurface rights are affected by this Act. Sets forth that such entitlement shall come from subsurface lands already selected by Calista, but which have not yet been conveyed. Permits Calista to make an additional in lieu selection if it is necessary to equalize the acreage.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 8, 2002: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- Oct 4, 2002: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Jul 30, 2002: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-846.
- Mar 14, 2002: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 14, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1938)
- Mar 14, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.