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# H. R. 2314

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1997

Mr. WATKINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Kickapoo Tribe of  
5 Oklahoma Federal Indian Services Restoration Act of  
6 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF FEDERAL INDIAN SERVICES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
3 sion of law, the members of the Kickapoo Tribe of Okla-  
4 homa residing in Texas shall be eligible for all Federal  
5 services and benefits furnished to members of federally-  
6 recognized tribes without regard to the existence of a res-  
7 ervation for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma in Maverick  
8 County, Texas. In the case of Federal services available  
9 to members of federally-recognized tribes residing on or  
10 near a reservation, the members of the Kickapoo Tribe  
11 of Oklahoma residing in Texas shall be deemed to be resid-  
12 ing on or near a reservation.

13 (b) COOPERATION WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERN-  
14 MENT.—In providing services pursuant to subsection (a),  
15 the Secretary of the Interior (referred to hereafter in this  
16 Act as the “Secretary”) and the head of each department  
17 and agency shall consult and cooperate with appropriate  
18 officials or agencies of the Mexican Government to the  
19 greatest extent possible to ensure that such services meet  
20 the special tricultural needs of the members of the Kick-  
21 apoo Tribe of Oklahoma residing in Texas. Such consulta-  
22 tion and cooperation may include joint funding agree-  
23 ments between such agency or department of the United  
24 States and the appropriate agencies and officials of the  
25 Mexican Government.

1 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.**

2 (a) APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP GRANTED.—

3 For a period of 3 years beginning on the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, any member of the Kickapoo Tribe of  
5 Oklahoma residing in Texas may apply for United States  
6 citizenship. Such application shall be made to the Immi-  
7 gration and Naturalization Service and, upon receipt of  
8 the application, citizenship promptly shall be granted to  
9 the applicant.

10 (b) PASS AND REPASS OF BOARDERS.—Notwith-  
11 standing the Immigration and Nationality Act, all mem-  
12 bers of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma shall be entitled  
13 to pass and repass freely the borders of the United States  
14 and to live and work in the United States.

15 **SEC. 4. LAND ACQUISITION.**

16 (a) 45 ACRES.—Pursuant to section 5 of the Act of  
17 June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 465), the Secretary shall accept  
18 at least 45 acres of land held in fee by the Kickapoo Tribe  
19 of Oklahoma in Maverick County, Texas, to be held in  
20 trust for the benefit of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma.

21 (b) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Pursuant to land acquisi-  
22 tion authority under the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C.  
23 461 et seq.), the Secretary shall accept in trust for the  
24 benefit of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma any additional  
25 land in Maverick County, Texas, acquired by the Kickapoo  
26 Tribe of Oklahoma.

1           (c) NO LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this  
2 section shall be construed as limiting the authority of the  
3 Secretary under section 5 of the Act of June 18, 1934  
4 (48 Stat. 985).

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