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H. R. 2924

To amend the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era and by the Elim Native Corporation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. VIETNAM VETERANS ALLOTMENT.**

4 The Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act (43
5 U.S.C. 1600, et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

1 section not later than one year after the end of the period
2 referred to in subsection (a).

3 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
4 the terms ‘veteran’ and ‘Vietnam era’ have the meaning
5 given such terms by paragraphs (2) and (29), respectively,
6 of section 101 of title 38, United States Code.”.

7 **SEC. 2. ELIM NATIVE CORPORATION LAND RESTORATION.**

8 The Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act (43
9 U.S.C. 1600, et seq.), as amended by section 1 of this
10 Act, is further amended by adding at the end the follow-
11 ing:

12 “ELIM NATIVE CORPORATION LAND RESTORATION

13 “SEC. 42. (a) WITHDRAWAL AND AVAILABILITY FOR
14 SELECTION.—The lands described in subsection (b) are
15 withdrawn from disposition under the public land laws,
16 entry or appropriation under the mining laws of the Unit-
17 ed States, and the operation of the mineral leasing laws
18 of the United States, subject to valid existing rights, for
19 a period of one year from the date of enactment of this
20 section, for selection by the Elim Native Corporation
21 under this section.

22 “(b) LANDS DESCRIBED.—The lands described in
23 this section are within the boundary of the parcel of land
24 in the vicinity of Elim, Alaska, at approximately latitude
25 64 50 N. longitude 162 00 W, more particularly described
26 as follows:

1 “Beginning at the point of intersection of line
2 3–4, U.S. Survey No. 2548 with the protracted West
3 Boundary of T8S, R18W KRM, Alaska;

4 “Thence North, along the west boundary of the
5 aforementioned township, approximately 4½ miles
6 to the protracted position for the corner of sections
7 1, 6, 7, and 12;

8 “Thence Northeasterly, parallel with line 4–3 of
9 U.S. Survey No. 2548, approximately 20½ miles, to
10 a point;

11 “Thence East approximately 6 miles to corner
12 No. 3 U.S. Survey No. 2548;

13 “Thence Southwesterly along lines 3–4, U.S.
14 Survey 2548 approximately 27½ miles to the point
15 of beginning.

16 “(c) AUTHORIZATION TO SELECT LANDS; RESERVA-
17 TION OF EASEMENT.—The Elim Native Corporation is
18 authorized to select 50,000 acres of lands within the
19 boundary of the lands described in subsection (b) to sat-
20 isfy its land entitlements under section 19(b). The Sec-
21 retary is authorized to receive, adjudicate, and convey the
22 lands to the Elim Native Corporation subject to—

23 “(1) valid existing rights; and

24 “(2) an easement reserved to the United States
25 for the benefit of the public. An easement in the

1 lands shall be reserved to the Iditarod National His-
2 toric Trail.

3 “(d) WITHDRAWAL AND SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL
4 LANDS.—The Secretary is authorized to withdraw, and
5 Elim Native Corporation is authorized to select, not later
6 than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this
7 section additional lands adjacent to the lands withdrawn
8 by subsection (a) to fulfill Elim Native Corporation’s land
9 entitlements equal to the total acreage of the Norton Bay
10 Reservation as withdrawn by Executive Order No. 2508,
11 dated January 3, 1917.

12 “(e) FINALITY OF SELECTIONS.—Selection by the
13 Elm Native Corporation of lands under subsection (c) or
14 (d) shall constitute full satisfaction of any claim or entitle-
15 ment of the Elim Native Corporation—

16 “(1) with respect to subsection (c), to its land
17 entitlements under section 19(b), and

18 “(2) with respect to subsection (d), to the extin-
19 guishment of the Norton Bay Reservation (as with-
20 drawn by Executive Order No. 2508, dated January
21 3, 1917).”.

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