

**Calendar No. 595**106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 1967****[Report No. 106-307]**

To make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

NOVEMBER 18, 1999

Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. LOTT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

JUNE 13, 2000

Reported by Mr. CAMPBELL, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. STATUS OF CERTAIN INDIAN LANDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
3 sion of law—

4 (1) all land taken in trust by the United States  
5 for the benefit of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw  
6 Indians on or after December 23, 1944, shall be  
7 part of the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation;

8 (2) all land held in fee by the Mississippi Band  
9 of Choctaw Indians located within the boundaries of  
10 the State of Mississippi, as shown in the report enti-  
11 tled “Report of Fee Lands owned by the Mississippi  
12 Band of Choctaw Indians”, dated September 28,  
13 1999, on file in the Office of the Superintendent,  
14 Choctaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Depart-  
15 ment of the Interior, is hereby declared to be held  
16 by the United States in trust for the benefit of the  
17 Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and

18 (3) land made part of the Mississippi Choctaw  
19 Indian Reservation after December 23, 1944, shall  
20 not be considered to be part of the “initial reserva-  
21 tion” of the tribe for the purposes of section  
22 20(b)(1)(B)(ii) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act  
23 (25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(B)(ii)).

24 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
25 tion shall be construed to alter the application or the re-  
26 quirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25

1 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) with respect to any lands held by  
2 or for the benefit of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indi-  
3 ans regardless of when such lands were acquired.

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