

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3985

To amend the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for binding arbitration clauses in leases and contracts related to reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2002

Mr. HAYWORTH (for himself and Mr. PASTOR) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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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       That the first section of the Act entitled “An Act to au-  
4       thorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public,

1 religious, educational, recreational, residential, business,  
2 and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term  
3 leases”, approved August 9, 1955, (69 Stat. 539; 25  
4 U.S.C. 415) is amended by adding at the end the following  
5 new subsection:

6       “(f) Any lease entered into under the Act of August  
7 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 539), as amended, or any contract en-  
8 tered into under section 2103 of the Revised Statutes (25  
9 U.S.C. 81), as amended, affecting land within the Gila  
10 River Indian Community Reservation may contain a provi-  
11 sion for the binding arbitration of disputes arising out of  
12 such lease or contract. Such leases or contracts entered  
13 into pursuant to such Acts shall be considered within the  
14 meaning of ‘commerce’ as defined and subject to the provi-  
15 sions of section 1 of title 9, United States Code. Any re-  
16 fusals to submit to arbitration pursuant to a binding agree-  
17 ment for arbitration or the exercise of any right conferred  
18 by title 9 to abide by the outcome of arbitration pursuant  
19 to the provisions of chapter 1 of title 9, sections 1 through  
20 14, United States Code, shall be deemed to be a civil ac-  
21 tion arising under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the  
22 United States within the meaning of section 1331 of title  
23 28, United States Code.”.

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