

RELINQUISHMENTS, ETC., OF LANDS FOR BENEFIT OF  
 NAVAJO INDIANS

FEBRUARY 11, 1931.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the  
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Mr. EVANS of Montana, from the Committee on Indian Affairs,  
 submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 16005]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill  
 (H. R. 16005) to permit relinquishments and reconveyances of  
 privately owned land within certain counties in the State of Arizona  
 to the United States for the benefit of the Navajo Indians, and for  
 other purposes, having considered the same, report thereon with a  
 recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

On page 1, line 6, after the word "of", insert the word "such".

On page 1, line 6, after the word "lands", insert "as in the opinion  
 of the Secretary of the Interior are desirable for and should be reserved  
 for the use and benefit of the Navajo Tribe of Indians".

On page 2, line 7, after the word "unreserved", insert the word  
 "nonmineral".

The necessity for the enactment of this law is fully set forth in the  
 report of the Secretary of the Interior and the memorandum of the  
 Commissioner of Indian Affairs, which have been appended hereto  
 and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
 Washington, January 28, 1931.

HON. SCOTT LEAVITT,  
 Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,  
 House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. LEAVITT: In response to your inquiry of January 12 for an  
 opinion on H. R. 16005, which is a bill to permit relinquishments and reconvey-  
 ances of privately owned land within certain counties in the State of Arizona to  
 the United States for the benefit of the Navajo Indians, and for other purposes,  
 I transmit herewith a memorandum on the subject that has been submitted by  
 Commissioner Rhoads, of the Office of Indian Affairs.

After a review of the proposed measure, I recommend that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 6, immediately after the word "of," insert the word "such"; and, immediately after the word "lands", insert "as in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior are desirable for and should be reserved for the use and benefit of the Navajo Tribe of Indians".

Page 2, line 7, immediately after the word "unreserved", insert the word "nonmineral".

Otherwise I agree with Mr. Rhoads.

Very truly yours,

RAY LYMAN WILBUR, *Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, January 22, 1931.

Memorandum for the Secretary.

This is in reference to the request of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, dated January 12, 1931, for report on H. R. 16005, a bill to permit relinquishments and reconveyances of privately owned land within certain counties in the State of Arizona to the United States for the benefit of the Navajo Indians, and for other purposes. This bill is identical with S. 5577, introduced January 5, 1931.

The purpose of this proposed legislation is to overcome the disadvantages now existing of "checkerboard" control of lands by Indians and private landowners within three counties—Apache, Navajo, and Coconino—in Arizona, to the end that the holdings of the respective parties may be unified or consolidated. Its effect will be to round out the southern boundary of the Navajo Indian Reservation and add large areas to the reservation for the use of the tribe as a whole and at the same time allow private landowners to block out their holdings, thus proving beneficial to all concerned. This proposed legislation is similar to the act of March 3, 1921 (41 Stat. 1239), authorizing reconveyances and relinquishments to the Government of privately owned land, State school lands, valid homestead entries or other filings, including Indian allotment selections within any township of the public domain in San Juan, McKinley, and Valencia Counties, N. Mex., and which allows lieu selections of land on the public domain to be made by parties surrendering their lands thereunder.

Section 2 of the bill provides that no further allotments of lands to Indians shall be made in the counties of Apache, Navajo, and Coconino, Ariz., and the counties of McKinley, San Juan, and Valencia, N. Mex., pending completion of the exchanges contemplated by the bill, and thereafter allotments to Indians in said counties shall be confined to lands within Indian reservations or to lands heretofore or hereafter acquired by the United States in said counties for the benefit of Indians generally.

Considering that the Navajo Tribe, as a whole, stands to ultimately acquire large areas of land through this proposed legislation, and also under the New Mexico exchange act of March 3, 1921, supra, we are agreeable to discontinuing allotments to individual Indians on the public domain within the counties in question as provided for in the bill.

By resolution passed by the Navajo County Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting held on December 1, 1930, the board advocated the introduction and enactment of legislation as is embodied in the bill.

Accordingly, it is respectfully recommended that the bill be enacted.

C. J. RHOADS, *Commissioner.*

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## BRIDGE ACROSS SAN FRANCISCO BAY

FEBRUARY 12, 1931.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. LEA, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,  
submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 5825]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5825) granting the consent of Congress to the State of California to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Bay of San Francisco from the Rincon Hill district in San Francisco by way of Goat Island to Oakland, having considered and amended the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

Amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, line 23, after the word "exceed" strike out the word "forty" and insert the word "thirty" in lieu thereof.

Amend the title to read as follows:

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of California to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Bay of San Francisco from the Rincon Hill district in San Francisco by way of Goat Island to Oakland.

The bill has the approval of the War, Navy, and Commerce Departments, as will appear by the letters attached, also approval of Agriculture Department, as shown by report on H. R. 16298, a similar bill.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, February 3, 1931.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Replying to the committee's letter of January 23, 1931, submitting the bill (S. 5825) granting the consent of Congress to the State of California to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Bay of San Francisco from the Rincon Hill district in San Francisco by way of Goat Island to Oakland over the Key Route Mole, and requesting the views and recommendations of the Navy Department thereon, I have the honor to inform you as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the construction, maintenance, and operation of a toll bridge across the Bay of San Francisco, as referred to in its title.

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