

# Union Calendar No. 489

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

# H. R. 442

**[Report No. 117-670, Part I]**

To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

Mr. YOUNG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

DECEMBER 30, 2022

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 30, 2022

Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

# **A BILL**

To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes.

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 “Southeast Alaska Re-

5 gional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but not

8 later than 2 years, after the date of enactment of this Act,

9 the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to

10 in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall convey to the South-

11 east Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka,

12 Alaska (referred to in this Act as the “Consortium”), all

13 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to

14 the property described in section 3 for use in connection

15 with health and social services programs.

16       (b) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of the property

17 under subsection (a)—

18               (1) shall be made by warranty deed; and

19               (2) shall not—

20                       (A) require any consideration from the

21 Consortium for the property;

22                       (B) impose any obligation, term, or condi-

23 tion on the Consortium; or

24                       (C) allow for any reversionary interest of

25 the United States in the property.

1           (c) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The con-  
2 veyance by the Secretary of title by warranty deed under  
3 subsection (a) shall, on the effective date of the convey-  
4 ance, supersede and render of no future effect any quit-  
5 claim deed to the property described in section 3 executed  
6 by the Secretary and the Consortium.

7 **SEC. 3. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**

8           The property, including all land and appurtenances,  
9 described in this section is the property included in U.S.  
10 Survey 1496, lots 4 and 7, partially surveyed T. 55 S.,  
11 R. 63 E., Copper River Meridian, containing approxi-  
12 mately 10.87 acres in Sitka, Alaska.

13 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.**

14           (a) LIABILITY.—

15               (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
16 provision of law, the Consortium shall not be liable  
17 for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or other  
18 contamination resulting from the disposal, release,  
19 or presence of any environmental contamination on  
20 any portion of the property described in section 3 on  
21 or before the date on which the property is conveyed  
22 to the Consortium, except that the Secretary shall  
23 not be liable for any contamination that occurred  
24 after the date that the Consortium controlled, occu-  
25 pied, and used the property.

1           (2) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—An en-  
2           vironmental contamination described in paragraph  
3           (1) includes any oil or petroleum products, haz-  
4           ardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous  
5           waste, pollutants, toxic substances, solid waste, or  
6           any other environmental contamination or hazard as  
7           defined in any Federal or State of Alaska law.

8           (b) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be accorded  
9           any easement or access to the property conveyed under  
10          this Act as may be reasonably necessary to satisfy any  
11          retained obligation or liability of the Secretary.

12          (c) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIVITY  
13          AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary  
14          shall comply with subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section  
15          120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,  
16          Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.  
17          9620(h)(3)).

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