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# H. R. 3709

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2007

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. LEASES BETWEEN THE EWIIAPAAYP AND**  
4 **VIEJAS BANDS.**

5 The Act of August 9, 1955 (25 U.S.C. 415) is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7 section:

8 “(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
9 the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians of Alpine, Cali-

1 fornia, may lease to the Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay  
2 of Alpine, California, any portion of land held in trust by  
3 the United States for the Viejas Band within the bound-  
4 aries of the Viejas Reservation.

5 “(2) A lease entered into under paragraph (1) shall  
6 be—

7 “(A) made under terms and conditions estab-  
8 lished by the lessor and lessee in their sole discre-  
9 tion;

10 “(B) considered to be a lawful and enforceable  
11 lease without any further Federal approval; and

12 “(C) deemed in vest in the lessee Ewiiapaayp  
13 Band the sole proprietary interest and responsibility  
14 for all activities conducted by the lessee Ewiiapaayp  
15 Band on the leased land.

16 “(3) Land leased pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be  
17 considered Indian land—

18 “(A) of the lessee Ewiiapaayp Band;

19 “(B) within the jurisdiction of the lessee  
20 Ewiiapaayp Band; and

21 “(C) over which the lessee Ewiiapaayp Band  
22 has and exercises governmental power.”.

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