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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2001

Mr. SKEEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. PUEBLO OF ACOMA LAND AND MINERAL CON-**  
4 **SOLIDATION.**

5 (a) VALUATION.—Not later than 6 months after the  
6 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of the  
7 Interior shall determine the extent and the value of the  
8 nontribal interest ownership of the subsurface rights, in-

1 cluding mineral rights, within the boundaries of the  
2 Acoma Indian Reservation.

3 (b) LAND EXCHANGES.—Upon completion of the  
4 valuation required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
5 negotiate an exchange with any willing sellers of interests  
6 in nontribal land (including interests in mineral or other  
7 surface or subsurface rights) within the boundaries of the  
8 Acoma Indian Reservation for interests in Federal land  
9 that is—

10 (1) located within the boundaries of the State  
11 of New Mexico;

12 (2) identified by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
13 ment as available for disposal; and

14 (3) of approximately the same value as the in-  
15 terest in land for which it is being exchanged.

16 (c) TIMELINE; LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST.—The Sec-  
17 retary shall complete such negotiations and exchanges not  
18 later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this  
19 section and shall place interests in land within the bound-  
20 aries of the Acoma Indian Reservation that are acquired  
21 under this section into trust for the Pueblo of Acoma.

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