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

10       “(f) Any lease entered into under the Act of August  
11 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 539), as amended, or any contract en-  
12 tered into under section 2103 of the Revised Statutes (25  
13 U.S.C. 81), as amended, affecting land within the Gila  
14 River Indian Community Reservation may contain a provi-  
15 sion for the binding arbitration of disputes arising out of  
16 such lease or contract. Such leases or contracts entered  
17 into pursuant to such Acts shall be considered within the  
18 meaning of ‘commerce’ as defined and subject to the provi-  
19 sions of section 1 of title 9, United States Code. Any re-  
20 fusals to submit to arbitration pursuant to a binding agree-  
21 ment for arbitration or the exercise of any right conferred  
22 by title 9 to abide by the outcome of arbitration pursuant  
23 to the provisions of chapter 1 of title 9, sections 1 through  
24 14, United States Code, shall be deemed to be a civil ac-  
25 tion arising under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the

1 United States within the meaning of section 1331 of title  
2 28, United States Code.”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 19,  
2002.

Attest:

*Clerk.*