

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. RICKETTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Winnebago Land  
5 Transfer Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. LAND TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to all valid existing rights,  
3 all right, title, and interest (including improvements and  
4 appurtenances) of the United States in and to the Federal  
5 lands described in subsection (b), those Federal lands—

6 (1) are declared to be part of the Winnebago  
7 Reservation created by the Treaty between the  
8 United States and the Winnebago Tribe in 1865;  
9 and

10 (2) shall be held in trust by the United States  
11 for the benefit of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
12 subject to the same terms and conditions as those  
13 lands described in the Treaty with the Winnebago  
14 Tribe, 1865 (14 Stat. 671).

15 (b) FEDERAL LANDS DESCRIBED.—The Federal  
16 lands described in this subsection are the following:

17 (1) That portion of Tract No. 119, the descrip-  
18 tion of which is filed in the United States District  
19 Court for the Northern District of Iowa (Western  
20 Division), Civil Case No. 70–C–3015–W, executed  
21 May 11, 1973, said tract being situated in Section  
22 8 and the accretion land thereto, the Southwest  
23 Quarter of Section 9, the West Half of Section 16,  
24 the East Half of Section 17, Township 86 North,  
25 Range 47 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian,  
26 Woodbury County, Iowa, lying Easterly of the Ne-

1 braska/Iowa State Line and Southerly of the Eas-  
2 terly extension of the North line of the Winnebago  
3 Reservation.

4 (2) Tract No. 210, as described in Schedule  
5 “A” of the “Declaration of Taking, Legal Descrip-  
6 tion of Tract 210 and Judgment on Stipulation and  
7 Order of Distribution”, filed in the United States  
8 District Court for the Northern District of Iowa  
9 (Western Division), Civil Case No. 70–C–3015–W.

10 (3) Tract No. 113, as described in the “Judg-  
11 ment on Declaration of Taking and Legal Descrip-  
12 tion of Tract 113”, filed in the United States Dis-  
13 trict Court for the District of Nebraska, Civ. No.  
14 03498.

15 (c) GAMING PROHIBITION.—Class II and class III  
16 gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25  
17 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) shall not be allowed at any time on  
18 the land taken into trust under subsection (a).