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112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report on Indian land fractionation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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. REPORT ON INDIAN LAND FRACTIONATION.**

4 Not later than 6 months after funds are made avail-
5 able for this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall
6 submit a report to the Committee on Natural Resources
7 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
8 Indian Affairs of the Senate that contains the following:

1 (1) A comprehensive assessment of Indian land
2 fractionation.

3 (2) The plan of the Secretary for consolidating
4 highly fractionated Indian lands pursuant the Indian
5 Land Consolidation Act and the Class Action Settle-
6 ment Agreement referred to in section 2.

7 (3) Any alternative to the plan referred to in
8 paragraph (2) to consolidate highly fractionated In-
9 dian lands in a manner that—

10 (A) maximizes economic return on lands
11 held in trust for the benefit of individual Indi-
12 ans or Indian tribes;

13 (B) lowers Federal costs of managing and
14 probating such lands; and

15 (C) includes contracting and compacting
16 under title I and title IV of the Indian Self-De-
17 termination and Education Assistance Act.

18 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON INDIAN TRUST ACCOUNT SETTLE-**
19 **MENT.**

20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the
21 Class Action Settlement Agreement dated December 7,
22 2009, in the case entitled *Elouise Cobell et al. v. Ken*
23 *Salazar et al.*, United States District Court, District of
24 Columbia, Civil Action No. 96–1285 (TFH), the total

- 1 amount awarded for attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs
- 2 shall not exceed \$50,000,000.