

# ALASKA NATIVES

**The following is the bill pending in the  
sub Committee of Interior and Insular Affairs,  
Washington, D.C. in behalf of  
the 13th Regional Corporation.**

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2nd Session

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 3, 1978

Mr. Roncalio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide an equitable distribution of land to the Thirteenth Regional Corporation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688), as amended, is further amended by adding thereto a new section as follows:

"Sec. 31 (a) During the two years from January 3, 1984, the 13th Regional Corporation shall select 2,345,000 acres from public lands which were withdrawn by the Secretary for selection, but not selected, by any other Regional Corporation, or otherwise selected by a Village Corporation or, if selected, selected by such Regional or Village Corporation in excess of its entitlement under this Act, and declared by the Secretary to be not eligible or available for conveyance to such Regional or Village Corporation, or from any other public lands withdrawn by the Secretary for selection by Regional Corporations pursuant to any other section of this Act.

"(b) In the event the Thirteenth Regional Corporation selects lands which were previously selected by another Regional or Village Corporation, the Secretary shall not convey such lands to the Thirteenth Regional Corporation until the claim of the Regional or Village Corporation has been fully resolved.

"(c) No land which has been selected by or patented to the State of Alaska pursuant to the Alaska Statehood Act shall be eligible for selection by the Thirteenth Regional Corporation.

"(d) If the State of Alaska becomes eligible to select lands for conveyance to it pursuant to the Alaska Statehood Act subsequent to January 3, 1984, then the selection rights of the Thirteenth Regional Corporation pursuant to subsection (a) shall begin on the day following the last day on which the State of Alaska shall be eligible to select lands pursuant to the Alaska Statehood Act and shall terminate two years thereafter.

"(e) The Secretary shall patent to the Thirteenth Regional Corporation the surface and subsurface estate of the lands selected pursuant to subsection (a). Such lands shall be subject to public easements pursuant to section 17(b) of this Act in the same manner as other land selected by Village and Regional Corporations.

"(f) Nothing in this section shall affect the fund created by section 7(i) of this Act or require or enable the Thirteenth Regional Corporation to participate in or contribute to said fund."

SEC. 2. Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act is amended by striking the period at the end thereof, inserting in lieu thereof a comma, and adding the following: "or the Thirteenth Regional Corporation to make selections and obtain patents within the areas selected by it pursuant to section 31 of this Act."

*Best regards in Native Brotherhood.*

**Board of Directors    13th Regional Corporation**