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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS BILL TO TRANSFER ABOUT
5,000 ACRES OF FEDERAL LAND TO OGLALA SIOUX INDIAN TRIBE

The Department of the Interior today announced its endorsement of legislation that would transfer to the Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe of South Dakota approximately 5,000 acres of federally owned land formerly used for grazing a beef and dairy herd at an Indian Bureau school.

The land is located on the Pine Ridge Reservation and is entirely surrounded by tracts belonging either to the Oglala Sioux Tribe or to individual Indians. It is no longer needed in connection with the school.

In reporting on H. R. 4613, the Department pointed out that the land to be transferred could be used by the Tribe in grazing its beef herd or as a site for an industry or an airport. All three possibilities have been considered.

The Department recommended some language changes in the interest of clarification.

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