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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________________________

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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. GRANTS FOR STATE HOMES LOCATED ON TRIB-
4 AL LANDS.
5 (a) STATE HOME DEFINED.—Section 101(19) of
title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting “or
federally recognized Indian tribe” after “(other than a possession)”.

(b) Payments to State Homes.—Section 1741 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) In this subchapter, the term ‘State’ means each of the several States and each federally recognized Indian tribe.”.

c) State Home Construction.—

(1) In general.—Section 8131(2) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting “includes each federally recognized Indian tribe but” before “does not”.

(2) Conforming Amendment.—Section 8132 of such title is amended by striking “several”.