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⁷ The Head Start Bureau and the Childcare Bureau of HHS will head this initiative. Memo from Margaret Spellings to the President, Subject: Informational Memo on the Early Childhood Education Event, March 22, 2002.

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RESPONSE:

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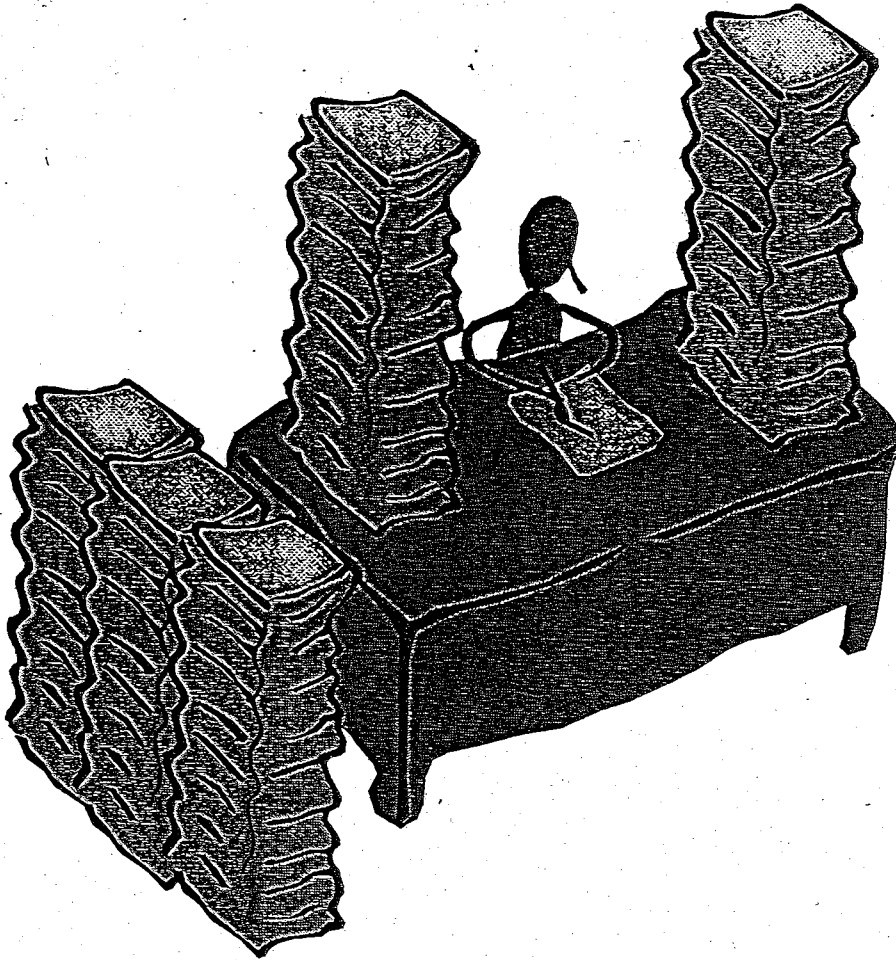
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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March 29, 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE GERSON
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JONATHAN BURKS
DEPUTY STAFF SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

**SUBJECT: Early Childhood Education Event to Highlight the
Ready to Learn Program**

The Office of the Vice President has reviewed the above-referenced draft and suggests the change marked on the attached copy.

cc: Harriet Miers
STAFF SECRETARY

Attachment

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ENROLLED BILL H.R. 3985 -- GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY LEASE

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RESPONSE:

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
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March 28, 2002

THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 3985 - Gila River Indian Community Lease Authority
Amendments
Sponsors: Reps. Hayworth (R) AZ, Kildee (D) MI, and Pastor (D) AZ

Last Day for Action

April 5, 2002 - Friday

Purpose

Authorizes certain binding arbitration disputes regarding the leasing of reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona to be under the jurisdiction of Federal courts rather than tribal courts.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of the Interior

Approval

Department of Justice

No objection (Informally)

General Services Administration

No comment (Informally)

Discussion

Under current law, conflicts arising from binding arbitration agreements in leases for most restricted or reservation Indian lands must be adjudicated in tribal courts. The Gila River Indian Community in Arizona is seeking a legal exemption to address perceived reluctance by potential business lease tenants to enter into lease contracts with the Community because any disputes arising from the binding arbitration agreements would be subject to tribal court jurisdiction.

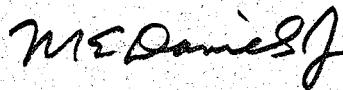
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Specifically, the enrolled bill would allow certain contracts or leases that affect lands within the Gila River Indian Community Reservation to contain provisions for binding arbitration of any dispute arising out of a lease or contract. Refusal by either party to submit to arbitration would provide the basis for a civil action arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States, thereby providing Federal courts with jurisdiction to enforce the binding arbitration agreements or resulting arbitration decisions.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The Department of the Interior states that "H.R. 3985 would provide the Community with the opportunity to offer assurance to potential business partners that, if necessary, there is an available forum other than tribal court to enforce an agreement to arbitrate lease disputes."

We join Interior in recommending the approval of H.R. 3985, which passed the House and the Senate by unanimous consent.



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

Enclosures

One Hundred Seventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the twenty-third day of January, two thousand and two*

An Act

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for binding arbitration clauses in leases and contracts related to reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, (69 Stat. 539; 25 U.S.C. 415) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 26, 2002

The Honorable Jim Nelson
Commissioner
Texas Education Commission
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your service as Texas Commissioner of Education and for the integrity, leadership, commitment, and dedication you have demonstrated in your efforts to strengthen the Texas public education system.

When I asked you to assume this important role in August of 1999, I knew that you were the right person for the job. Laura and I wish you all the best for continued success.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of George W. Bush, written in black ink, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

George W. Bush

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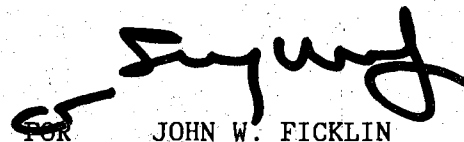
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FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

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March 20, 2002

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