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# S. 63

To clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under  
the National Labor Relations Act.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

To clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian  
lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Tribal Labor Sov-  
5       ereignty Act of 2017”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER.**

7       Section 2 of the National Labor Relations Act (29  
8       U.S.C. 152) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or any In-  
 2       dian tribe, or any enterprise or institution owned  
 3       and operated by an Indian tribe and located on its  
 4       Indian lands,” after “subdivision thereof,”; and

5           (2) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(15) The term ‘Indian tribe’ means any Indian  
 7       tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or other organized group  
 8       or community which is recognized as eligible for the  
 9       special programs and services provided by the  
 10      United States to Indians because of their status as  
 11      Indians.

12          “(16) The term ‘Indian’ means any individual  
 13      who is a member of an Indian tribe.

14          “(17) The term ‘Indian lands’ means—

15               “(A) all lands within the limits of any In-  
 16      dian reservation;

17               “(B) any lands title to which is either held  
 18      in trust by the United States for the benefit of  
 19      any Indian tribe or individual or held by any  
 20      Indian tribe or individual subject to restriction  
 21      by the United States against alienation; and

22               “(C) any lands in the State of Oklahoma  
 23      that are within the boundaries of a former res-

- 1           ervation (as defined by the Secretary of the In-
- 2           terior) of a federally recognized Indian tribe.”.

