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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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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. APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED TO VALIDATE LAND**
4 **TRANSACTIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Seminole Tribe of Florida
6 may mortgage, lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise
7 transfer all or any part of the Tribe’s interest in any real

1 property that is not held in trust by the United States
2 for the benefit of the Tribe. Such transactions shall be
3 valid without further approval, ratification, or authoriza-
4 tion by the United States.

5 (b) TRUST LAND NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in this
6 section is intended or shall be construed to—

7 (1) authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to
8 mortgage, lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise
9 transfer all or any part of an interest in any real
10 property that is held in trust by the United States
11 for the benefit of the Tribe; or

12 (2) affect the operation of any law governing
13 mortgaging, leasing, selling, conveying, warranting,
14 or otherwise transferring any interest in such trust
15 land.

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