The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 921, “An Act To Remove Time and Acreage Limits for Placing Land in Trust Status under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement.”

Many years ago there was a settlement between various tribes, the State of Maine and the federal government. That settlement and the attendant implementing law were well thought out and should not be casually amended, lest we risk opening up the entire settlement agreement. Ultimately, I do not believe this bill is necessary.

For these reasons, I return LD 921 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor