I voted Yes on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 443, to coney property to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska.

H.R. 443 would convey 8 acres of federal land and three adjacent federally-owned lots in Alaska to the Maniilaq Association.

The Maniilaq Association is a nonprofit organization founded by American Indian tribes which recently built a long-term care facility on a tract of land currently owned by the Indian Health Service in Alaska. As a result, the agency recommended that the association take possession of the land in addition to adjacent lots because the current land-use agreement requires the association to seek prior approval when attempting to undertake projects that may alter the value of the land.

The bill was approved by a vote of 410 – 5.