

HR 3534

Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations Claims Settlement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Carson, Brad [D-OK-2]

Party: Democratic • State: OK • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Dec 19, 2001
Rep. Largent, Steve [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Dec 19, 2001
Rep. Watkins, Wes [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Dec 19, 2001
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-50]	D · CA		May 8, 2002
Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jun 11, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 4, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations Claims Settlement Act - Declares that, pursuant to tribal resolutions and in exchange for the benefits conferred by this Act, the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations (Indian Nations) shall enter into a consent decree with the United States that extinguishes, upon payment of specified funds, all claims the Indian Nations have pending in the United States Court of Federal Claims in two specified cases against the United States. Describes the content of such cases as including the Indian Nations' interests in the Disclaimed Drybed Lands and the construction, maintenance and operation of the McClellan-Kerr Navigation Way on the Arkansas River, Oklahoma.

Approves and ratifies transfers of interests in the Disclaimed Drybed Lands by parties other than the Indian Nations that have occurred in violation of the Trade and Intercourse Act, to the extent that such transfers are otherwise valid under law.

Sets forth retained rights in related lands, minerals, and waterways.

Entitles the United States to setoff against claims of the Indian Nations in the event the Court of Federal Claims does not enter into a consent decree as set forth in this Act.

Exempts the United States and the Indian Nations from being made parties to any quiet title lawsuit or other lawsuit to determine ownership of or an interest in the Disclaimed Drybed lands after the execution of this Act.

Requires that any lands above the high water mark of the Arkansas River that are declared surplus be taken into trust for the Indian Nation within whose boundary the land is located.

Authorizes appropriations for the settlement of claims.

Allocates claim settlement funds among the Indian Nations, depositing them in specified trust fund accounts. Makes such funds available for the acquisition of land, as specified. Provides for such funds' investment and the payment of attorney's fees, subject to specified limitations.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 3, 2002:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 632.
- **Oct 2, 2002:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Mr. Hansen moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6879-6883)
- **Oct 1, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3534.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6880-6882)
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- **Oct 1, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 4, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 107-632.
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- **Sep 4, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 381.
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Executive Comment Received from Interior.
- **Apr 17, 2002:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Dec 19, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Dec 19, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.