

HR 4859

Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act

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Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: WA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 4, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 2567	Identical bill	May 23, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4861-4862)

Summary (as of Jun 4, 2002)

Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act - Establishes in the Treasury the Spokane Tribe of Indians Settlement Fund Account.

Requires the payment of compensation to the Spokane Tribe for the use of their lands for the generation of hydropower from the Grand Coulee Dam project. Bases such payments on the settlement paid to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, pursuant to the Confederated Tribes Act, adjusted for inflation.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to make an initial payment in satisfaction of Spokane Tribe claims from June 29, 1940, through November 2, 1994.

Requires the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration to make subsequent payments, including one for six years only and annual payments.

Requires the Secretary to transfer settlement funds to the Spokane Business Council, at their request. Requires 75 percent of such funds to be used for programs for resource development, credit, scholarship, and economic development. Subjects such funds to tribal control and audit.

Entitles the Bonneville Power Administration to a deduction from interest otherwise payable to the Secretary for a percentage of payments made to the Spokane Tribe on a comparable basis to that allowed for payments to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

States that payments under this Act constitute full satisfaction of Spokane Tribe claims against annual hydropower revenues of the Grand Coulee Dam project.

Actions Timeline

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