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Indian Land Leasing Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Mar 5, 2003

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 99.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 99. (May 15, 2003)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 11, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Indian Land Leasing Act of 2003 - (Sec. 2) Amends Federal law to permit, upon approval of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, or business purposes, the leasing of restricted Indian lands for terms of up to 99 years (subject to specified conditions) for: (1) land located on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Burns Paiute Reservation, or on the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation; and (2) land held in trust for the Yurok Tribe, the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians of the Hopland Rancheria, or the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

(Sec. 3) Permits (under specified conditions) the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation (Tribes) to lease to the Northern Border Pipeline Company, tribally-owned land on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation for interstate gas pipelines.

(Sec. 4) Declares that any rental proceeds from the lease of lands acquired from loans provided by the Secretary of Agriculture from the Farmers Home Administration Direct Loan Account to any Indian tribe shall constitute the rental value of that land and satisfy the requirement for appraisal of the land.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes the Reservation, upon approval of the Secretary, to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact for the purpose of meeting water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Incorporated.

(Sec. 6) Amends Federal law to permit federally recognized Indian tribes to lease restricted tribal land for up to 99 years (subject to specified conditions) for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, or business purposes (except for exploration, development, or extraction of any mineral resource) without specific approval of the Secretary if the lease is executed under tribal regulations approved by the Secretary under in this Act.

Requires the Secretary to review proposed tribal regulations from a federally recognized tribe and to approve or disapprove them based upon their consistency with existing regulations.

Requires Indian tribes to provide to the Secretary a copy of the lease and documentation of payments to the tribe from such a lease for land leased without the Secretary's specific approval. Exempts the United States from liability for any loss sustained by any party to such a lease.

Authorizes any person, upon exhaustion of tribal remedies, to petition the Secretary to review a tribe's compliance with its own approved regulations. Requires the Secretary, on completion of the review, to take action to compel compliance with such regulations if they have been breached.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 15, 2003:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Campbell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-48.
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- **May 15, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 99.
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3171)
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3171-3172)