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Tribal Transportation Program Improvement Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: NM • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 27, 2003
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 27, 2003
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 27, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 13, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 4, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2331	Identical bill	Jun 5, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines.

Tribal Transportation Program Improvement Act of 2003 - Amends the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to authorize appropriations for Indian reservation roads under the Federal Lands Highways Program through FY 2009.

Prohibits the Secretary of Transportation from distributing, for years after FY 2003, any amount of obligation authority made available for Indian reservation road bridges and roads.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out the planning, design, engineering, construction, and inspection of certain projects concerning deficient Indian reservation road bridges.

Raises from two percent to four percent the ceiling for the amount of funds made available for Indian reservation roads for each fiscal year that may be allocated to Indian tribal governments applying for transportation planning pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Requires the Secretary to establish a Federal lands highway program demonstration project for Indian reservation roads and highway bridges located on Indian reservations.

Requires the Secretary to carry out a program to provide to eligible Indian tribes competitive grants for use in establishing tribal transportation safety programs.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to issue grants to Indian tribes to establish rural transit programs on reservations or other land under tribal jurisdiction.

Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the maintenance of roads on Indian reservations is a responsibility of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and (2) Congress should provide annually to the Bureau funding necessary to carry out all maintenance of roads on Indian reservations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 4, 2003:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 108-122.
- **Mar 27, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 27, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4514-4516)
- **Mar 27, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4516-4518)