

HR 884

Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 108-270. (Jul 7, 2004)

Law: 108-270 (Enacted Jul 7, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gibbons, Jim [R-NV-2]

Party: Republican • State: NV • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Porter, Jon C. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Mar 13, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 7, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 618	Related bill	Oct 17, 2003: Held at the desk.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on October 7, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act - (Sec. 2) Provides for the per capita distribution of shares of specified funds appropriated in satisfaction of a judgment award granted to the Western Shoshone Indians in Docket Number 326-K before the Indian Claims Commission (ICC) to U.S. citizens who have at least 1/4 Western Shoshone blood and who are enrolled on a Western Shoshone Judgment Roll to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

Requires the Secretary to establish a Western Shoshone Judgement Roll consisting of all individuals who have at least 1/4 degree of Western Shoshone Blood, are U.S. citizens, and are living on the date of enactment of this Act.

Makes ineligible for enrollment under this Act any individual who is eligible to receive other judgment awards from the ICC, the United States Claims Court, or the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Requires the Secretary to publish rules and regulations governing the establishment of the Judgment Roll and specifies per capita distribution requirements (including those for heirs of deceased beneficiaries, incompetents, minors and individuals under age 19).

(Sec. 3) Provides for distribution of specified funds appropriated in satisfaction of the judgment awards granted in Docket Numbers 326-A-1 and 326-A-3 before the U.S. Court of Claims.

Requires the Secretary to establish, for the benefit of Western Shoshone members, the Western Shoshone Educational Trust Fund, to which such funds shall be credited.

Requires that all accumulated and future interest and income from the Trust Fund be distributed: (1) as educational grants and assistance to individual Western Shoshone members as determined appropriate by the Administrative Committee established by this Act to oversee such distribution; and (2) to pay reasonable and necessary expenses of such Committee.

Specifies the membership and duties of the Committee.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 7, 2004:** Signed by President.
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- **Jul 7, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-270.
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- **Jun 25, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 25, 2004:** Presented to President.
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- **Jun 24, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR 6/25/2004 S7495-7496)
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- **Jun 22, 2004:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 592.
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Mr. Gibbons moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4610-4612)
- **Jun 21, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 884.
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4610-4611)
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- **Jun 21, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 7, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 108-299.
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- **Oct 7, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 174.
- **Sep 24, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 24, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 14.
- **Jun 18, 2003:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 28, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Feb 25, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 25, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.