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S 1773

Pueblo de San Ildefonso Claims Settlement Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans Introduced: Sep 26, 2005

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 109-286.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 109-286. (Sep 27, 2006)

Law: 109-286 (Enacted Sep 27, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]

Party: Republican • State: NM • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	$D \cdot NM$		Sep 26, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 3, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 6, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on May 3, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Pueblo de San Ildefonso Claims Settlement Act of 2005 - (Sec. 3) Ratifies: (1) the Settlement Agreement between the United States and the Pueblo de San Ildefonso to Resolve All of the Pueblo's Land Title and Trespass Claims, dated June 7, 2005 (Settlement Agreement); and (2) the Los Alamos Agreement among Los Alamos County, New Mexico, the Pueblo, the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, dated January 22, 2004.

(Sec. 4) Requires the United States and the Pueblo to execute and file with the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in the Pending Litigation a motion for entry or final judgment in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. Provides that, upon entry of the final judgment, a specified sum shall be paid into the Settlement Fund as compensation to the Pueblo in accordance with specified federal law.

(Sec. 5) Extinguishes all claims of the Pueblo against the United States in consideration of the Settlement Agreement benefits.

Exempts from this Act certain land titles, water rights, and other rights relating to religious or cultural access to, and use of, federal land.

(Sec. 6) Establishes in the Treasury the Pueblo de San Ildefonso Land Claims Settlement Fund (Settlement Fund).

(Sec. 7) Allows the Secretary of Agriculture to sell, and the Pueblo to buy, the Settlement Area Land, Water System Land, and Los Alamos Townsite Land.

Reserves to the United States free and unrestricted rights to specified Forest Development Roads.

Requires the United States and the Pueblo to allow the COPAR Pumice Mine to continue to operate. Requires continuing federal jurisdiction over the contract for the sale of mineral materials.

(Sec. 12) Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, subject to valid existing rights, including reservations in the United States, to sell the Northern Tier Land, with the Pueblo of Santa Clara granted an exclusive option to purchase it within 90 days after enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 13) Authorizes the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo de San Ildefonso to demarcate a boundary between their respective tribal land within a specified township.

(Sec. 18) Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 27, 2006: Signed by President.
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- Sep 27, 2006: Became Public Law No: 109-286.
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- Sep 15, 2006: Presented to President.
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- Sep 12, 2006: Mr. Radanovich moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Sep 12, 2006: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6379-6383)
- Sep 12, 2006: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1773.
- Sep 12, 2006: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6379-6382)
- Sep 12, 2006: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6379-6382)
- Sep 12, 2006: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Sep 6, 2006: Reported by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 109-633.
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- Sep 6, 2006: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 373.
- Jul 26, 2006: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Jul 26, 2006: Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- May 25, 2006: Received in the House.
- May 25, 2006: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- May 25, 2006: Executive Comment Requested from USDA, Interior.
- May 25, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- May 24, 2006: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5130-5134; text as passed Senate: CR S5130-5133)
- May 24, 2006: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5130-5134; text as passed Senate: CR S5130-5133)
- May 3, 2006: Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator McCain with amendments. With written report No. 109-252.
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- May 3, 2006: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 419.
- Mar 29, 2006: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- Sep 26, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Sep 26, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10437)
- Sep 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10437-10440)