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Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Trust Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jan 24, 2005

Current Status: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.

Latest Action: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent. (Jul 26, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]

Party: Republican • State: CO • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 25, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 8, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 481	Related bill	Aug 2, 2005: Became Public Law No: 109-45.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Trust Act of 2005 - Authorizes the United States to take into trust certain land (formerly known as the Dawson Ranch) in Kiowa County, Colorado, owned by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Tribes of Oklahoma (property). Directs the Tribes to convey title to the property to the United States. Declares that all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property (except specified facilities) are to be held in trust by the United States for the Tribes.

Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) acquire by donation the improvements in fee; and (2) construct a facility on the property only after obtaining the agreement of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and the Northern Arapaho Tribe. Permits the use of Federal funds to be expended only on improvements or facilities that are owned in fee by the United States.

Directs the Secretary to cause a survey to be conducted by the Office of Cadastral Survey of the Bureau of Land Management of the boundary lines and the description to be published in the Federal Register.

Requires the property to be administered in perpetuity by the Secretary as part of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, only for historical, traditional, cultural, or other uses in accordance with the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 26, 2005: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.
- Mar 8, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 109-20.
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- Mar 8, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 31.
- Feb 16, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Jan 24, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 24, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.