

S 1255

Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: May 1, 2007

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, f

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Sep 24, 2008)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/1255>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM] | R · NM | | May 1, 2007 |
| Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ] | R · AZ | | May 1, 2007 |
| Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY] | R · WY | | May 1, 2007 |
| Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND] | D · ND | | Sep 22, 2008 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Indian Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Sep 15, 2008 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred To | Sep 24, 2008 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Referred To | Sep 24, 2008 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 110 HR 7024 | Related bill | Sep 23, 2008: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |

Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2008 - Amends the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 to: (1) authorize any federal law enforcement officer to conduct an investigation of an offense involving the sale of any item that is misrepresented as an Indian produced good or product that occurs on land under the jurisdiction of the federal government; and (2) authorize the Indian Arts and Crafts Board to refer an alleged violation to any federal law enforcement officer (currently, just to the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]) for appropriate investigation. Permits a federal law enforcement officer to investigate an alleged violation regardless of whether such officer receives a referral from the Board. Requires that the findings of an investigation of such an alleged violation by any federal department or agency be submitted to a federal or state prosecuting authority or the Board.

Authorizes the Board, upon receiving the findings of such an investigation, to: (1) recommend to the Attorney General that criminal proceedings be initiated (current law); and (2) provide such support to the Attorney General relating to the criminal proceedings as the Attorney General determines to be appropriate. Allows the Board, in lieu of or in addition to any such criminal proceeding, to recommend that the Attorney General initiate a civil action. Revises the definitions and requirements relating to civil actions for misrepresentation of Indian produced goods and products.

Amends the federal criminal code to base criminal penalties for misrepresentation of Indian produced goods and products upon the value of such goods and products.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 24, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9336-9338; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S9336-9337; text as passed Senate: CR S9337-9338)
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- **Sep 15, 2008:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with amendments. With written report No. 110-460.
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 961.
- **Jun 19, 2008:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **May 1, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 1, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5393)
- **May 1, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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