

SJRES 4

A joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

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Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 1, 2007
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Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 5, 2007
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 12, 2007
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Apr 10, 2007
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 9, 2007
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 25, 2007
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 9, 2007
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Oct 4, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 18, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HJRES 68	Identical bill	Dec 11, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
110 HJRES 3	Related bill	Jan 4, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Jun 18, 2007)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Recognizes the special legal and political relationship the Indian tribes have with the United States and the solemn covenant with the land we share.

Commends and honors the Native Peoples for the thousands of years that they have stewarded and protected this land.

Recognizes that there have been years of official depredations, ill-conceived policies, and the breaking of covenants by the U.S. government regarding Indian tribes.

Apologizes on behalf of the people of the United States to all Native Peoples for the many instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect inflicted on them by U.S. citizens.

Expresses the regret of the United States for the ramifications of former wrongs and its commitment to build on the positive relationships of the past and present to move toward reconciliation.

Urges the President to acknowledge the wrongs of the United States against Indian tribes in U.S. history.

Commends the state governments that have begun reconciliation efforts with recognized Indian tribes located in their boundaries, and encourages all state governments to do the same.

Declares that nothing in this Joint Resolution authorizes or supports any claim against the United States or serves as a settlement of any claim against the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 18, 2007:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment and with a preamble. With written report No. 110-83.
- **Jun 18, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 202.
- **May 10, 2007:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2515)