

## S 151

Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Jan 6, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Aug 19, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/151>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jan 6, 2009
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Jun 17, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 22, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 19, 2009
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 725	Identical bill	<b>Jul 29, 2010:</b> Became Public Law No: 111-211.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)**

Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009 - Amends the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 to expand the authority of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board to bring criminal and civil actions for offenses under such Act involving the sale of misrepresented Indian produced goods or products. Authorizes: (1) any federal law enforcement officer to conduct an investigation of an alleged violation of this Act occurring within the jurisdiction of the United States; and (2) the Indian Arts and Crafts Board to refer an alleged violation to any federal law enforcement officer (currently, only to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)) for investigation. Permits federal law enforcement officers to investigate an alleged violation regardless of whether the Board makes a referral of an alleged violation.

Requires the findings of any investigation of an alleged violation to be submitted to a federal or state prosecuting authority or the Indian Arts and Crafts 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); (2) provide such support to the Attorney General relating to the criminal proceedings as the Attorney General determines to be appropriate; or (3) recommend, in lieu of, or in addition to, any such criminal proceeding, that the Attorney General initiate a civil action. Allows the Attorney General, an Indian tribe, an Indian, or an Indian arts and crafts organization to initiate a civil action under this Act.

Amends the federal criminal code to revise penalties for the sale of misrepresented Indian produced goods and products.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 19, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jul 24, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8100-8101; text as passed Senate: CR S8100-8101)
- **Jul 24, 2009:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8100-8101; text as passed Senate: CR S8100-8101)
- **Jul 24, 2009:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 24, 2009:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 24, 2009:** Referred to House Natural Resources
- **Jul 24, 2009:** 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.
- **Jul 24, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Jul 22, 2009:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jul 22, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 124.
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S137)
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.