

S 1703

A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]

Party: Democratic • **State:** ND • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 24, 2009
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 24, 2009
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 24, 2009
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 24, 2009
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 24, 2009
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 24, 2009
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 24, 2009
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Oct 29, 2009
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 20, 2010
Sen. LeMieux, George S. [R-FL]	R · FL		Aug 3, 2010
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 13, 2010
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Nov 17, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 5, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3697	Identical bill	Nov 4, 2009: Committee Hearings Held.
111 HR 3742	Related bill	Nov 4, 2009: Committee Hearings Held.

Summary (as of Aug 5, 2010)

Amends the Act commonly known as the Indian Reorganization Act to apply the Act to all federally recognized Indian tribes, regardless of when any tribe became recognized. (This effectively overrules the Supreme Court's decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*, which held that the Secretary of the Interior could not take land into trust for a specified tribe because that tribe had not been under federal jurisdiction when the Act was enacted.)

Makes such amendments retroactive as if included in the Indian Reorganization Act as of the date of its enactment on June 18, 1934.

Provides that this Act does not affect any law other than the Indian Reorganization Act or limit the Secretary of the Interior's authority under any federal law or regulation other than the Indian Reorganization Act.

Requires the Secretary to conduct and submit to Congress a study that: (1) describes the *Carcieri* decision's effect on Indian tribes and tribal land; and (2) includes a list of each affected Indian tribe and parcel of tribal land.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 5, 2010:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with amendments. With written report No. 111-247.
- **Aug 5, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 515.
- **Dec 17, 2009:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Sep 24, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 24, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9842)
- **Sep 24, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.