

## HR 1291

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, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

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**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Jul 12, 2011)

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Rep. Rehberg, Denny [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Apr 6, 2011
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Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		May 23, 2011
Rep. Nunnelee, Alan [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Jul 25, 2011
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Aug 1, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 12, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 676	Related bill	<b>May 17, 2012:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 405.
112 HR 1234	Related bill	<b>Jul 12, 2011:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Amends the Act commonly known as the Indian Reorganization Act to except lands in Alaska from the Secretary of the Interior's authority to acquire any interest in lands, water rights, or surface rights to lands, within or without existing reservations, for the purpose of providing land for Indians.

Applies that 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 could not take land into trust for a specified tribe because that tribe had not been under federal jurisdiction when the Act was enacted.)

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 12, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 6, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Mar 31, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 31, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.