

S 1776

TIRES Act

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Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 15, 2015
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Apr 5, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 29, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Tribal Infrastructure and Roads Enhancement and Safety Act or the TIRES Act

(Sec. 3) This bill modifies the approval process used for certain transportation projects on Indian reservations by allowing categorical exclusions from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

A "categorical exclusion" is a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a federal agency in implementing environmental regulations and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

A "tribal transportation safety project" is one that is eligible for assistance under the tribal transportation program and that:

- corrects or improves a hazardous road location or feature, or
- addresses a highway safety problem.

The Department of the Interior shall review existing categorical exclusions for tribal transportation program projects and identify tribal transportation safety projects that meet categorical exclusion requirements.

The bill prescribes requirements for the expedited review and approval of tribal transportation safety projects under NEPA or other federal laws.

(Sec. 4) Interior shall enter into five-year programmatic agreements with Indian tribes that establish efficient administrative procedures for carrying out environmental reviews for tribal transportation projects, including whether any project is categorically excluded from the preparation of an environmental assessment or impact statement under NEPA.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 12, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 12, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 12, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7147-7149; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S7147-7148)
- **Dec 10, 2016:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7148)
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Barrasso with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-217.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 378.
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5131)