

## HR 3839

### Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Oct 27, 2015

**Current Status:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 624.

**Latest Action:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 624. (Sep 12, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/3839>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 14, 2016
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 6, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2223	Related bill	Sep 6, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 598.

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: (1) complete environmental, cultural resource, and other due diligence activities on certain public land to confirm its suitability for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, South Dakota; and (2) notify the Department of the Interior of such activities.

After completion of such activities and upon receipt by Interior of written confirmation of suitability from the VA, the land shall: (1) be withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, for as long as it remains under VA administrative jurisdiction; (2) be deemed property; and (3) be transferred to the VA for use as national cemeteries.

(Sec. 3) Interior shall publish a notice containing the legal descriptions of such transferred land.

The VA shall reimburse Interior for reasonable transfer costs, including survey costs.

(Sec. 4) Upon a determination by the VA that all or a portion of such transferred land shall not be used for cemetery purposes, the VA shall: (1) notify Interior and transfer jurisdiction of the land back to Interior, and (2) be responsible for any decontamination costs necessary for restoration of the lands to the public lands.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 12, 2016:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 624.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 114-714, Part I.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 553.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Mr. Bishop (UT) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5073-5074)
- **Sep 6, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3839.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5073)
- **Sep 6, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5073)
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 12, 2016:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Nov 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Oct 30, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Oct 27, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 27, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.