

HR 872

Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 29, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3764	Related bill	Dec 7, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 663.
114 S 465	Identical bill	Sep 10, 2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 221.

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Extends federal recognition to the following Indian tribes of Virginia and establishes their relationship with the federal government as described below: (1) the Chickahominy Tribe, (2) the Chickahominy Indian Tribe--Eastern Division, (3) the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, (4) the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., (5) the Monacan Indian Nation, and (6) the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

Makes the tribes and their members eligible for all services and benefits provided by the federal government to federally recognized Indian tribes. Establishes the service area of each tribe and requirements for each tribe regarding its membership roll, governing documents, and governing body.

Requires the Department of the Interior, on request of any of the tribes, to take specified lands into trust for the benefit of that tribe, to be considered part of that tribe's reservation.

Prohibits the tribes from conducting gaming activities.

Prohibits this Act from affecting the hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, or water rights of the tribes and their members.

Prohibits the use of eminent domain to acquire lands in fee or in trust for an Indian tribe recognized under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 29, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.