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Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 785	Related bill	Dec 20, 2018: By Senator Murkowski from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 115-451. Additional views filed.
115 HR 231	Related bill	Feb 6, 2018: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
115 S 1482	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1483	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1484	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1485	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1486	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1487	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1490	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1491	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1492	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1493	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1494	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1495	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 1496	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 HR 1867	Related bill	Apr 11, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
115 HR 229	Related bill	Feb 10, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
115 HR 230	Related bill	Feb 10, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

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This bill revises provisions concerning Alaska Natives claims to land and Alaska Native regional, village, or urban corporations.

The bill amends the Barrow Gas Field Transfer Act of 1984 to require the Department of the Interior to convey to the Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation certain sand and gravel deposits.

Interior must grant the Shishmaref Native Corporation a transportation easement.

Shee Atika Incorporated may opt to receive credits from the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the sale of Cube Cove in Admiralty Island, Alaska, that may be used to acquire federal property sold at public sales.

The bill authorizes a land exchange between the USDA and the Sealaska Corporation.

Cook Inlet Region, Inc. may satisfy its land claim under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

Interior must convey a surface estate to the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation, a subsurface estate to the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, a surface estate to Kian Tr'ee Corporation, and a subsurface estate to Doyon Limited.

The bill amends ANCSA to require Interior to pay compensation to Nagamut Limited and the Calista Corporation in lieu of conveying land to Nagamut and a subsurface estate to Calista.

Native residents of the villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska, may organize as urban corporations. Upon incorporation, Interior must offer each corporation 23,040 acres of land.

Alaska Native veterans who served during the Vietnam War may receive an allotment of federal land.

For purposes of determining eligibility for need-based federal programs, the amount of cash an Alaska Native receives from a Native corporation that is disregarded is increased.

Under certain circumstances, Alaska Native village corporations may reincorporate after they are involuntarily dissolved.

Actions Timeline

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