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A bill to abrogate the sovereign immunity of Indian tribes as a defense in inter partes review of patents.

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Oct 5, 2017

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (Oct 5, 2017)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1948>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 5, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 5, 2017)

This bill prohibits an Indian tribe from asserting sovereign immunity as a defense in an inter partes review of the validity of a patent.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 5, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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