

## HR 215

### American Indian Empowerment Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2017

**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Oct 25, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/215>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor               | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4] | R · OK        |      | Nov 1, 2017 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity                   | Date         |
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| Natural Resources Committee | House   | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Oct 25, 2017 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Native Americans

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jan 3, 2017)

### American Indian Empowerment Act of 2017

This bill requires the Department of the Interior, upon the request of an Indian tribe, to transfer land held in trust for the tribe to the tribe as restricted fee tribal land. (Restricted fee tribal land is land that is owned by a tribe and has restrictions against alienation and taxation.)

Tribes may lease, or grant an easement or right-of-way on, restricted fee land for any period of time without Interior's review and approval.

Tribal laws that establish a system of land tenure governing the use of restricted fee land have precedence over federal laws and regulations governing the use of such land, except the restriction against the land's alienation and taxation.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 25, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.