

## HR 337

### Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 5, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Feb 7, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/337>

### 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
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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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such activities and upon receipt by Interior of written confirmation of suitability from the VA, the land shall: (1) be withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, for as long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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- **Feb 7, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Feb 6, 2017:** Mr. Lamborn moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 6, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H985-987)
- **Feb 6, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 337.
- **Feb 6, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 6, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H993-994)
- **Feb 6, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 0 (Roll no. 80).(text: CR H985-986)
- **Feb 6, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 0 (Roll no. 80). (text: CR H985-986)
- **Feb 6, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jan 5, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2017:** 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.