

S 35

Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Law: 115-175 (Enacted May 25, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

Party: Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jan 5, 2017
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 5, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 3, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 10, 2018
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 7, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2414	Related bill	Feb 8, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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(Sec. 3) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: (1) complete environmental, cultural resource, and other due diligence activities on certain federal land to confirm its suitability for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, South Dakota; and (2) notify, and coordinate with, the Department of the Interior regarding 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such activities and upon receipt by Interior of written confirmation of suitability from the VA, the land shall: (1) be withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, for as long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 treated as property; and (3) be transferred, except for the land within 100 feet of the center of the Centennial Trail, from Interior to the VA for use as a national cemetery.

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.

The cemetery's boundary is modified to include such federal land.

Actions Timeline

- **May 25, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **May 25, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-175.
- **May 21, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **May 16, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (CR H4008)
- **May 16, 2018:** 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. 187).(text: CR 5/16/2018 H3951-3952)
- **May 16, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 0 (Roll no. 187). (text: CR 5/16/2018 H3951-3952)
- **May 16, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 15, 2018:** Mr. Bishop (UT) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 15, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3951-3953)
- **May 15, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 35.
- **May 15, 2018:** 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.
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-626, Part I.
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged.
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 479.
- **Mar 14, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 14, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Mar 7, 2018:** 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.
- **Dec 22, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 22, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 22, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S8267-8269; text: CR S8267-8268)
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S8267-8269; text: CR S8267-8268)
- **May 3, 2017:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-35.
- **May 3, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 49.
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 5, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 5, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.