

HR 4257

Advancing Conservation and Education Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Nov 6, 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. (Jun 26, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Mar 15, 2018
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 26, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 11, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2078	Identical bill	Aug 22, 2018: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 115-528.

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This bill allows the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, or Wyoming (western states) to relinquish state land grant parcels wholly or primarily within eligible areas and select, in exchange, public land within the state.

The bill defines "eligible areas" as lands within the outer boundaries of units or components of the National Park, National Wilderness Preservation, National Wildlife Refuge, or National Landscape Conservation Systems, areas identified by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the Department of the Interior as having wilderness characteristics, certain designated lands within the National Forest System or administered by the BLM, and sentinel landscapes designated by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, or Interior.

Interior shall create a process for the relinquishment of such parcels.

A western state may select, and Interior may convey, lands that are mineral in character.

The overall value of the state land grant parcels and the public land to be conveyed shall be equal.

The bill sets forth requirements regarding hazardous materials on land conveyed, water rights, grazing permits, and road rights-of ways and other valid existing rights.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jun 25, 2018:** Mr. Bishop (UT) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 25, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5607-5611)
- **Jun 25, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4257.
- **Jun 25, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5607-5610)
- **Jun 25, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5607-5610)
- **Jun 25, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 14, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Nov 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 6, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.