

S 2165

Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 18, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 23, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 23, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 27, 2020
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Aug 10, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Aug 10, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 9, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3846	Identical bill	Sep 19, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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This bill prohibits the exportation of Native American cultural items and archaeological resources that were illegally obtained; provides for the return of such items, including voluntary returns; and establishes and increases related criminal penalties.

The bill requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of State to each designate a liaison to facilitate and hold trainings and workshops on the voluntary return of human remains and cultural items.

Additionally, Interior must

- refer individuals and organizations to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to facilitate the voluntary return of human remains and cultural items;
- convene an interagency working group; and
- convene a Native working group consisting of representatives of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to provide advice on issues concerning the return of, and illegal trade in, human remains and cultural items.

The bill also increases from 5 years to 10 years the maximum prison term for an individual convicted of selling, purchasing, using for profit, or transporting for sale or profit human remains or cultural items that were illegally obtained.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7583-7586)
- **Dec 17, 2020:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7583-7586)
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-308.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 608.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 24, 2020:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-338.
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.