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Savanna's Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

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

Cosponsors (29 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 10, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 10, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 13, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 13, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 16, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jun 28, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 10, 2019
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 15, 2019
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Nov 18, 2019
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Nov 18, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 6, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 10, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jan 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2733	Related bill	Sep 16, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 408.
116 S 2920	Related bill	Nov 21, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 308.

Summary (as of Oct 10, 2020)

Savanna's Act

This bill directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols to address missing or murdered Native Americans.

The bill requires DOJ to

- provide training to law enforcement agencies on how to record tribal enrollment for victims in federal databases;
- develop and implement a strategy to educate the public on the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System;
- conduct specific outreach to tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations regarding the ability to publicly enter information through the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System or other non-law enforcement sensitive portal;
- develop regionally appropriate guidelines for response to cases of missing or murdered Native Americans;
- provide training and technical assistance to tribes and law enforcement agencies for implementation of the developed guidelines; and
- report statistics on missing or murdered Native Americans.

Tribes may submit their own guidelines to DOJ that respond to cases of missing or murdered Native Americans.

Additionally, the bill authorizes DOJ to provide grants for the purposes of (1) developing and implementing policies and protocols for law enforcement regarding cases of missing or murdered Native Americans, and (2) compiling and annually reporting data relating to missing or murdered Native Americans.

Federal law enforcement agencies must modify their guidelines to incorporate the guidelines developed by DOJ.

Finally, the Federal Bureau of Investigation must include gender in its annual statistics on missing and unidentified persons published on its website.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 10, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 10, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-165.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Ms. Scanlon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4573-4576)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 227.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4573-4574)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1708-1709; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S1708-1709)
- **Jan 15, 2020:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-206.
- **Jan 15, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 407.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-67.
- **Jan 25, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 25, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.