

HR 453

Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate. (Dec 17, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jan 10, 2019
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Jan 10, 2019
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Jan 10, 2019
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 10, 2019
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jan 22, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill takes specified lands and easements in Monroe County, Tennessee, into trust for the use and benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. These lands include the Sequoyah Museum, the Chota Memorial, the Tanasi Memorial, and land to provide support for these properties and cultural programs.

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) maintains its right to carry out river control and development on these lands, including temporarily and intermittently flooding certain lands. The bill specifies the structures that may be constructed with the TVA's consent on certain lands subject to flooding. Additionally, the TVA must be compensated for lost hydropower capacity from future development of these lands.

The bill prohibits the United States from being liable for loss or damage resulting from certain activities, such as the flooding of certain lands.

The bill outlines TVA's continuing responsibilities, including those related to environmental remediation. Gaming on these lands is prohibited.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2019:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Ms. Haaland moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10302-10304)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 453.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10302-10303)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10302-10303)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 5, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.