

HR 8455

Reconciliation in Place Names Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

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Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Sep 30, 2020
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Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Oct 2, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Nov 16, 2020
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Nov 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 30, 2020)

Reconciliation in Place Names Act

This bill directs the Department of the Interior to establish the Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names to advise the Board on Geographic Names on renaming geographic features with offensive place names. Generally, *an offensive place name* is a place name or land unit that recognizes an individual who held racially repugnant views, contains a racial or sexist slur, or is derogatory or otherwise offensive.

The board shall accept or reject a recommendation by the committee to rename a geographic feature with an offensive place name within three years of the date on which it receives the recommendation.

The board shall approve a recommendation of the committee unless it determines that (1) there is a compelling reason and substantial public interest in rejecting the recommendation; or (2) approving the recommendation would violate federal law.

The board shall rename a geographic feature if the board accepts a recommendation by the committee to rename it.

Actions Timeline

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