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## HR 2088

Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Mar 19, 2021

**Current Status:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-115.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-115. (Nov 17, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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

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

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### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Nov 17, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 13, 2021

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### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Native Americans

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act

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 written consent on certain lands subject to flooding. Additionally, the TVA must be compensated for lost hydropower capacity from future development of these lands.

Further, the bill specifies that the United States is not liable for loss or damage resulting from certain activities, such as the permanent flooding of adjacent lands.

In addition, the bill outlines the TVA's continuing responsibilities, including those related to environmental remediation. Finally, the bill prohibits gaming on these lands.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 17, 2021:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-115.
- **Nov 3, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6098-6099)
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 16 (Roll no. 347).(text: 11/1/2021 CR H6050-6051)
- **Nov 2, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 16 (Roll no. 347). (text: 11/1/2021 CR H6050-6051)
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-164.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 119.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Ms. Leger Fernandez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6050-6052)
- **Nov 1, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2088.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 13, 2021:** Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States Discharged.
- **Oct 13, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 13, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Mar 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 19, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.