

HR 1208

To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held

Latest Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held (Jun 26, 2024)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 26, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 563	Related bill	Feb 28, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 27, 2023)

This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior to take land into trust for all federally recognized Indian tribes.

Specifically, the bill applies the Indian Reorganization Act to all federally recognized Indian tribes, regardless of when a tribe became recognized. The amendments made by this bill are retroactively effective as if included in the Indian Reorganization Act. This effectively overrules the Supreme Court's decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*, which held that Interior could not take land into trust for a specified tribe because that tribe had not been under federal jurisdiction when the Indian Reorganization Act was enacted in 1934.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs .
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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