

## HR 1657

### Lake Winnibigoshish Land Exchange Act of 2024

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Mar 17, 2023

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and F

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sep 25, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1657>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Mar 17, 2023
Rep. Fischbach, Michelle [R-MN-7]	R · MN		Mar 17, 2023
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2023
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 17, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 25, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 19, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Lake Winnibigoshish Land Exchange Act of 2024**

This bill directs the Forest Service to exchange specified land in the Chippewa National Forest in Minnesota for specified land owned by Big Winnie Land and Timber, LLC (BWLT), if BWLT offers to make the exchange. The land acquired by the Forest Service must be added to and managed as part of Chippewa National Forest.

The bill outlines requirements and conditions for the exchange. For example, the Forest Service must reserve an easement for road access to certain land in the forest. The bill also conditions the exchange on the satisfactory completion of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment by BWLT before the nonfederal land is accepted in the exchange.

In addition, the exchange must be for equal value or the values must be equalized by a cash payment, subject to an exception.

Finally, the bill directs BWLT to pay all closing costs associated with the exchange.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 25, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5721-5722)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1657.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5721)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5721)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 12, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-665.
- **Sep 12, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 561.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 19, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Apr 14, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Mar 17, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.