

S 2088

Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]

Party: Republican • State: SD • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 21, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 1, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3371	Identical bill	Sep 21, 2023: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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This bill directs the Department of the Interior to complete all actions necessary to place approximately 40 acres of land in Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota, into restricted fee status for the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. *Restricted fee status* refers to land that is owned by a tribe or tribal member but is subject to restrictions by the United States against alienation (i.e., sale or transfer) or encumbrance (e.g., liens, leases, or rights-of-way) by operation of law.

The bill requires the land to be held and maintained as a memorial and sacred site, as outlined by the document titled *Covenant Between the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe* and dated October 21, 2022. Further, it prohibits commercial development and gaming activity on the land.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 1, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Schatz without amendment. With written report No. 118-208.
- **Aug 1, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 472.
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 19, 2023:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-170.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.