

## HR 548

Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Jan 26, 2023

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (Feb 7, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/548>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 26, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8998	Related bill	<b>Sep 12, 2024:</b> Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 509.

## **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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- **Feb 7, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- **Feb 6, 2023:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 6, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H689-692)
- **Feb 6, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 548.
- **Feb 6, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H689-691)
- **Feb 6, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H689-691)
- **Feb 6, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 26, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 26, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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