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### Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Amendments

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Mar 1, 2023

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 517.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 517. (Sep 18, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/616>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 1, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 18, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Technical Corrections Act of 2023**

This bill provides for the transfer of certain federal land located in the Chippewa National Forest in Cass County, Minnesota, to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) must transfer to the tribe land in the Chippewa National Forest that records maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs show was sold without the consent of a majority of the rightful landowners.

Upon agreement between USDA and the tribe, USDA shall substitute alternative National Forest System land located in Cass County on an acre-for-acre basis for those parcels of federal land to be transferred that are found to be unsuitable for the future uses of the tribe.

USDA may transfer land to the tribe on a rolling basis as that land is identified and surveys are completed.

Any such agreement and any transfer of land made pursuant to such agreement shall be considered a final agency action.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 18, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Schatz with amendments. With written report No. 118-225.
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 517.
- **May 1, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jul 12, 2023:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-120.
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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