

HR 165

Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 2, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 105	Identical bill	Oct 2, 2025: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 176.

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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.

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