

S 236

A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955 (commonly known as the "Long-Term Leasing Act"), to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Reservation and land held in trust for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), and for other purposes.

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Jan 23, 2025

Current Status: Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. (Dec 17, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 23, 2025
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 30, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 23, 2025
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Dec 17, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 681	Related bill	Mar 4, 2026: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Summary (as of Jan 23, 2025)

This bill authorizes the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) to lease their land held in trust for a term of up to 99 years. Both tribes are located in Massachusetts.

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