

HR 2916

To authorize, ratify, and confirm the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise to Resolve the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Apr 14, 2025

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. (Dec 10, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 10, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 11, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 3475	Identical bill	Dec 15, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Summary (as of Apr 14, 2025)

This bill recognizes and settles the Akwesasne land claim in northern New York. (Akwesasne is a Mohawk territory that extends into the United States and Canada, specifically New York, Ontario, and Quebec.)

The bill authorizes, ratifies, and confirms a specified settlement agreement entered into by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT), the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the State of New York, Franklin and Saint Lawrence Counties in New York, the towns of Fort Covington and Bombay in New York, and the New York Power Authority. (Among its provisions, the settlement agreement restores land rights and provides access to land to SRMT, provides tuition assistance for tribal members to certain postsecondary institutions, and requires the New York Power Authority to make annual payments to SRMT.)

Additionally, the bill authorizes, ratifies, and confirms any transfer of land, right-of-way, or easement that is the subject of claims in specified court cases.

The bill also recognizes as *Indian country* any land owned or subsequently acquired by SRMT within the settlement acquisition areas. (The term *Indian country*, for purposes of criminal jurisdiction, generally refers to all lands within a tribal reservation, dependent Indian communities, and tribal allotments.)

(text: CR H5085)

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