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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## 115<sup>th</sup> Congressional Report Card:

### Bills Affecting Tribes

In 2018 there were 15 bills signed into law that were Tribal-specific or had a Tribal impact. One notable bill signed into law was H.R. 984, the “Tomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017”, which increased the federally-recognized Tribes’ count from 567 to 573. During the first and second sessions of the 115th Congress (2017-2018) there were a total of 17 Tribal-specific or Tribal implied bills that were passed. Throughout 2018, AIPi’s monthly Policy Updates notified email subscribers of 77 bills considered by Congress that had Tribal implications. AIPi’s updates also notified subscribers of regarding 51 Federal Register Notices that were directed towards Tribes. \*Note: This document focuses primarily on stand-alone Tribal bills and does not include Tribal provisions in appropriations bills funding federal agencies and programs, or those included in the latest reauthorization of the 2018 Farm Bill.

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#### **Most Bills Introduced, or Became Law, by Member of Congress**

Includes election results from 2018 if the incumbent’s term was to expire at the conclusion of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress.

- 5 Bills: Senator John Hoeven (R-ND)  
Representative Tom O’Halloran (D-AZ-1)—Won Re-Election
- 3 Bills: Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)—Lost Re-Election  
Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)—Won in Special Election, had assumed former Senator Al Franken’s seat in January 2018
- 2 Bills: Representative John Curtis (R-UT-3)—Won Re-Election  
Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)—Won Re-Election  
Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
Senator John Tester (D-MT)—Won Re-Election  
Senator Tom Udall (D-NM)

## **Bills with Tribal Implications Signed into Law in 2018**

Republican sponsored bills becoming law: 9

Democrat sponsored bills becoming law: 6

A brief summary of what is mandated by the bills is also included.

### 1. [H.R. 1306](#), [Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-103 on January 8, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4) on March 2, 2017
- Took 17,519 acres of land into trust for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and 14,742 acres of land to be taken into trust for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

### 2. [H.R. 984](#), [Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-121 on January 29, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Robert Wittman (R-VA-1) on February 7, 2017
- Extended federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe—all located within the exterior boundaries of the State of Virginia. The bill also authorizes adoption of a membership roll, governing documents, and the establishment of a governing body, and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take lands into trust (not to be used for the purposes of gaming).

Increased the number of federally-recognized tribes from 567 to 573.

### 3. [S. 772](#), [the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-166 on April 13, 2018
- Introduced by Senator McCain (R-AZ) on March 29, 2017
- Made Tribes eligible for grants to participate in and access the AMBER Alert program. Law provides a waiver of the federal share if the Attorney General determines that an Indian tribe has insufficient funds to comply with the federal share requirement and thereby increase the federal share of the costs as the Attorney General deems necessary. One year after passage, the Attorney General would also be required to submit a report to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the House Committee on Natural Resources, and the House Committee on the Judiciary that evaluates the readiness, education, and training needs, as well as the technological challenges and specific obstacles encountered by tribes to integrate in state or regional AMBER Alert communications plans.

### 4. [S. 1285](#), [Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-179 on July 1, 2018
- Introduced by Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) on May 25, 2017
- Removed federal approvals required for non-reservation/trust land transactions for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the

Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribes. Aforementioned Tribes may lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise transfer all or any part of their interests in any real property for the benefit of the Tribe if such lands are not held in trust by the United States.

5. [S. 2850](#), [A bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-227 on August 1, 2018
- Introduced by Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) on May 15, 2018
- Amended the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to allow settlement funds to be used for the planning, design, and construction of the WMAT rural water system

6. [H.R. 6414](#), [To amend title 23, United State Code, to extend the deadline for promulgation of regulations under the tribal transportation self-governance program](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-235 on August 14, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4) on July 18, 2018
- Extended the requirement to publish proposed regulations in the Federal Register for the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program from 21 to 42 months. Also extended the deadline for the promulgation of final regulations for

the program from 30 to 48 months following publication or proposed regulations in the Federal Register.

7. [H.R. 6124](#), [Tribal Social Security Fairness Act of 2018](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-243 on September 20, 2018
- Introduced by Representative David Reichert (R-WA-8) on June 15, 2018
- Amended Title II of the Social Security Act ([42 U.S.C. 401](#) et seq.) to allow for voluntary agreements for coverage of Indian Tribal Council members. Authorized the Commission of Social Security, upon request, to enter into an agreement with a Indian tribe for the purposes of extending the Social Security insurance system to services performed by members of an Indian Tribal Council.

8. [S. 3021](#), [America's Water Infrastructure Act](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-270 on October 23, 2018
- Introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
- Required that the Secretary of the Army consult with Indian Tribes when water resources development projects are being developed. Directed the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to implement a program for Indian Reservation Drinking Water Programs for 10 eligible projects in the Upper Missouri River Basin and 10 projects in the Upper Rio Grande Basin. Reauthorized the Indian Irrigation Fund and the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2028, and reauthorized the

Indian Dam Safety program for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2030.

9. [H.R. 5317](#), To repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands

- Became Public Law No. 115-304 on December 11, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA-3)
- Rescinded [25 U.S.C. 251](#), which fined an individual on Indian lands \$1,000 when setting up a distillery for manufacturing of ardent spirits.

10. [H.R. 1074](#), To repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”

- Became Public Law No. 115-301 on December 11, 2018
- Introduced by Rep. Rob Blum (R-IA-1) on February 15, 2017
- Repealed a law (62 Stat. 1161, chapter 759) passed on June 30, 1948 that conveyed jurisdiction to the State of Iowa over crimes committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservations.

11. [S. 825](#), Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2017

- Became Public Law No. 115-326 on December 18, 2018
- Introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on April 4, 2017
- Transferred Indian Health Service property located in Sitka, Alaska to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health

Consortium (SEARHC). The transfer included 19 acres of land and buildings on the Mount Edgecumbe Hospital campus to SEARHC.

12. [S. 245](#), Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017

- Became Public Law No. 115-325 on December 18, 2018
- Introduced by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) on January 30, 2017
- Authorized the Secretary of the Interior to provide technical assistance to Indian tribes interested in developing energy plans for electrification, energy efficiency, electricity generation, transmission planning, water planning; permitting for oil, gas, and renewable energy; and plans to develop energy resources while protecting natural, historic, and cultural resources. Added “Intertribal organizations” as eligible to participate in the Indian Energy Resource Development Program, and “tribal energy development organizations” as eligible for the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program. Bill also streamlines certain permitting procedures by removing approval requirements by the Secretary of the Interior, such as approval of a lease or business agreement or rights-of-way over tribal land for terms not to exceed 30 years.

13. [H.R. 4032](#), Gila River Indian Community Federal Rights-of-Way, Easements and Boundary Clarification Act

- Became Public Law No. 115-817 on December 21, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Tom O’Halleran (D-AZ-1) on October 12, 2017

- Directed the Department of the Interior to take into trust 3,400 acres of land for the Gila River Indian Community, which establishes a fixed, permanent boundary for the northern part of their reservation. Established and ratified federal rights-of-way and easements on the reservation and required the Bureau of Indian Affairs to public a survey of each federal right-of-way established under the bill.

14. [H.R. 2606](#), [Stigler Act Amendments of 2017](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-339 on December 31, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Tom Cole (R-OK-4) on May 23, 2017
- Revised the Stigler Act of August 4, 1947 to revise provisions of restricted fee status lands in Oklahoma allotted to members of the Five Civilized Tribes, allowing restricted fee status to be maintained for lineal descendants by blood of an original enrollee whose name appears on the membership rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes.

15. [S. 943](#), [the Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act](#)

- Became Public Law No. 115-404 December 31, 2018
- Introduced by Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) on April 26, 2017
- Updates data resources used to determine student count for fund disbursement of the Johnson O'Malley program. Sources have reported that the data resources used to determine Native student eligibility in public schools have not been updated in 20 years. Requires the Department of the Interior to update its student count by using public information available from the U.S.

Census Bureau and the National Center for Education Statistics. Funding through the Johnson O'Malley program supports the development and use of culturally specific programming in public schools for Native students.

### [Resolutions Adopted Expressing the Sense of Congress](#)

Senate and House of Representatives Resolutions are nonbinding, meaning they are not enforceable laws, and they are not presented to the President for action. Senate Resolutions also do not have to be approved by the House of Representatives and vice versa. For more information on the definition of Senate bills and resolutions, visit <https://www.senate.gov/legislative/bills.htm>, and for the House of Representatives, visit <https://www.house.gov/the-house-explained/the-legislative-process/bills-resolutions>.

Republican Sponsored Resolutions: 2  
Democrat Sponsored Resolutions: 1

1. [S.Res.400](#), [A resolution designating the week beginning February 11, 2018, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week"](#)
  - Passed in the Senate February 9, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) on February 9, 2018
2. [S.Res.401](#), [A resolution designating May 5, 2018 as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girl"](#)
  - Last Activity: Resolution agreed to in the Senate on April 25, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) on February 2, 2018

3. [S.Res.702](#), A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States

- Resolution agreed to by the Senate on November 26, 2018
- Introduced by Senator John Hoeven (R-SD) on November 15, 2018

**Additional Bills Signed into Law During the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress (2017)**

Republican bills becoming law: 2

Democrat bills becoming law: 0

1. [H.R. 228](#), Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017

- Became Public Law No. 115-93 on December 18, 2017
- Introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK-At Large) on January 3, 2017
- Amended the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse federal sources.

2. [H.R. 3823](#), Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017

- Became Public Law No. 115-63 on September 29, 2017
- Introduced by Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX-8) on September 25, 2017
- Title III of the bill included a reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians by authorizing \$37.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal year 2018.

**Bills Tracked by AIPI in 2018**

The following 40 bills were tracked by AIPI throughout the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. Many of these bills were introduced and referred to a committee with jurisdiction over an issue, but may not have received a congressional hearing or vote. The following section, “Bills that Passed on Chamber Not the Other in 2018”, includes 11 bills tracked by AIPI that made it through committee and floor consideration in one chamber of congress but were not considered by the other chamber. Many of the bills in these two sections of this document will be re-introduced for consideration in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress by their respective bill sponsors, if they were re-elected or their successor or another Member of Congress takes the issue on.

Republican sponsored bills: 19

Democrat sponsored bills: 24

Most number of bills introduced by a Member of Congress in this list:

4 bills: Representative Tom O’Halloran (D-AZ-1)—Won Re-Election

3 bills: Representative Stevan Pearce (R-NM-2)—Retired to run but lost bid for Governor of New Mexico, seat assumed by Xochitl Torres Small (D)

Representative Don Young (R-AK-At Large)—Won Re-Election

Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM-1)—Retired to run and won election for Governor of New Mexico, seat assumed by Deb Haaland (D)

2 bills: Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)—Lost Re-Election in 2018

Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)—Won in Special Election, had assumed former

Senator Al Franken's seat in January 2018

Senator John Hoeven (R-ND)

Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)—Won Re-Election in 2018

Representative Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM-3)—Won Re-Election in 2018

1. [H.R. 4723](#), [Hualapai Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2017](#)

- Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans on January 2, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4) on December 21, 2017

2. [H.R. 4735](#), [Gold King Mine Spill Accountability Act of 2018](#)

- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment on January 5 2018, and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment on January 4, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Stevan Pearce (R-NM-2) on January 3, 2018

3. [H.R. 4864](#), [No Haven for Dangerous Fugitives Act of 2018](#)

- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations on January 24, 2018, and referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on January 23, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Kristi Noem (R-SD-At Large) on January 19, 2018

4. [S. 4485](#), [Savanna's Act](#)

- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism,

Homeland Security, and Investigations on January 9, 2018, and referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on December 4, 2017

- Introduced by Representative Norma Torres (D-CA-35) on November 29, 2017

5. [H.R. 4608](#), [SURVIVE Act \(companion bill to S. 1870\)](#)

- Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations on January 22, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1) on December 11, 2017

6. [H.R. 4532](#), [Shash Jáa National Monument and Indian Creek National Monument Act](#)

- Last Activity: Hearing held by the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands on January 30, 2018
- Introduced by Representative John Curtis (R-UT-3) on December 4, 2017

7. [H.R. 231](#), [Canyon Village Land Conveyance Act](#)

- Last Activity: Hearing held by the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on February 6, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK-At Large) on January 3, 2017

8. [S. 1481](#), [Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2017](#)

- Last Activity: Hearing held by the Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining on February 7, 2018
- Introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on July 29, 2017

9. [H.R. 5007](#), [Tribal Broadband Deployment Act of 2018](#)
  - Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on February 16, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36) on February 13, 2018
10. [H.R. 5124](#), [Community Action Opioid Response Act of 2018](#)
  - Last Activity: Introduced by Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN-4) and referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce on February 27, 2018
11. [H.R. 5140](#), [Tribal Addiction and Recovery Act of 2018](#)
  - Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Health on March 2, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Markwayne Mullin (R-OK-2) on March 1, 2018
12. [S. 2483](#), [America's College Promise Act of 2018](#)
  - Last Activity: Introduced by Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on March 1, 2018
13. [S. 2489](#), [Tribal Food and Housing Security Act](#)
  - Last Activity: Introduced by Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 1, 2018
14. [H.R. 3864](#), [Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2017](#)
  - Last Activity: Placed on the House Union Calendar, Calendar No. 449 on March 8, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Stevan Pearce (R-NM-2) on September 28, 2017
15. [S. 2443](#), [Supporting Kinship Connections Act](#)
  - Last Activity: Introduced by Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on March 13, 2018
16. [S. 2545](#), [Native Behavioral Health Access Improvement Act of 2018](#)
  - Last Activity: Introduced by Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 14, 2018
17. [H.R. 5172](#), [To assist Indian tribes in maintaining, expanding, and deploying broadband systems](#)
  - Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit on March 28, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1) on March 6, 2018
18. [H.R. 4807](#), [Diné College Act of 2018](#)
  - Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development on April 5, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1) on January 16, 2018
19. [H.R. 4967](#), [Tribal Nutrition Improvement Act of 2018](#)
  - Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education on April 5, 2018



- Introduced by Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM-1) on February 7, 2018
- 20. [S. 1870](#), [Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment Act](#)**
- Last Activity: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Services, Calendar No. 368 on April 9, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) on September 27, 2017
- 21. [H.R. 1404](#), [Pascua Yaqui Tribe Land Conveyance Act](#)**
- Last Activity: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 370 on April 10, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3) on March 7, 2017
- 22. [S. 2706](#), [A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide snow removal assistance to Indian tribes under a Federal emergency declaration, and for other purposes](#)**
- Last Activity: Introduced by Senator John Tester (D-MT) and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on April 18, 2018
- 23. [S. 2680](#), [Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018](#)**
- Last Activity: Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 398 on April 7, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) on April 16, 2018
- 24. [H.R. 5661](#), [Tribal Connect Act of 2018](#)**
- Introduced by Representative Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM-3) and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on April 27, 2018
- 25. [S. 2804](#), [Cultivating Resources, Opportunity, Prosperity, and Sustainability \(CROPS\) for Indian Country Act](#)**
- Last Activity: Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably on May 16, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) on May 8, 2018
- 26. [H.R. 5753](#), [Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2018](#)**
- Referred to the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on May 30, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3) on May 10, 2018
- 27. [S. 3046](#), [Tribal Food Sovereignty Act of 2018](#)**
- Last Activity: Introduced by Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 11, 2018
- 28. [S. 3157](#), [STREAMLINE Small Cell Deployment Act](#)**
- Last Activity: Introduced by Senator John Thune (R-SD) and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on June 28, 2018
- 29. [H.R. 6170](#), [Native American Millennium Challenge Demonstration Act](#)**
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian Affairs on July 9, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK-At Large) on June 20, 2018
- 30. [H.R. 995](#), [21st Century Respect Act](#)**

- Last Activity: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar Under General Orders, Calendar No. 513 on July 12, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-8)
- 31. [S. 3216](#), [Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act](#)**
- Last Activity: Introduced by Senator Tine Smith (D-MN) and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 16, 2018
- 32. [H.R. 6410](#), [ANTIQUITIES Act of 2018](#)**
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans on July 25, 2018, and referred to the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands on July 25, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM-1) on July 17, 2018
- 33. [H.R. 6647](#), [To amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to move the enforcement office to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to increase the civil monetary penalties for failure to follow the processes established by that Act, and for other purposes](#)**
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on August 17, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Todd Rokita (R-IN-4) on July 31, 2018
- 34. [H.R. 6728](#), [Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act](#)**
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on September 14, 2018
- Introduced by Representative Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1) on September 6, 2018
- 35. [S.Res.631](#), [A resolution recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Indian Civil Rights Act and voting rights for American Indian and Alaska Native communities across the country](#)**
- Last Activity: Introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on September 18, 2018
- 36. [S. 3460](#), [Native American Suicide Prevention Act of 2018](#)**
- Last Activity: Introduced by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on September 18, 2018
- 37. [H.R. 6545](#), [Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018](#)**
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations on September 19, 2018, and referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on August 3, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18) on July 26, 2018
- 38. [H.R. 3744](#), [Tribal Recognition Act of 2018](#)**
- Last Activity: Placed on the House Union Calendar, Calendar No. 741 on September 20, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Rob Bishop (R-UT-1) on September 12, 2017
- 39. [H.R. 6799](#), [Federal Lands FIRES Act of 2018](#)**
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands on September 20, 2018

- Introduced by Representative Scott Tipton (R-CO-3) on September 13, 2018
40. [H.R. 6946](#), [Supporting Early Learning Act](#)
- Last Activity: Introduced by Representative James Himes (D-CT-4) and referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce on September 27, 2018
41. [S. 3543](#), [Native American Voting Rights Act of 2018](#)
- Latest Activity: Introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on October 3, 2018
42. [S. 3589](#), [INSPIRES Act](#)
- Last Activity: Introduced by Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on October 11, 2018
43. [H.R. 7075](#), [Native American and Native Hawaiian Cultural Heritage Protection Act of 2018](#)
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on October 22, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Stevan Pearce (R-NM-2) on October 19, 2018
44. [H.R. 210](#), [Native American Energy Act](#)
- Last Activity: Placed on the House Union Calendar, Calendar No. 775 on October 23, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK-At Large) on January 3, 2017
45. [H.R. 4419](#), [Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Project Streamlining Act](#)
- Last Activity: Placed on the House Union Calendar, Calendar No. 782 on November 2, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4) on November 15, 2017
46. [H.R. 7127](#), [Native American Voting Rights Act of 2018](#)
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration and to the House Committee on the Judiciary on November 14, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM-3) on November 14, 2018
47. [H.R. 7152](#), [To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the San Felipe Pueblo certain Federal land in Sandoval County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.](#)
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands on November 27, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM-1) on November 16, 2018
48. [H.R. 4506](#), [Jobs for Tribes Act](#)
- Last Activity: Placed on the House Union Calendar, Calendar No. 869 on December 28, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Norma Torres (D-CA-35) on November 30, 2017.

### **Bills that Passed One Chamber but Not the Other in 2018**

Nearly half of the bills in this list were passed by one chamber of congress but not considered in the other following the August 2018 congressional recess. It is possible that with major congressional priorities, such as passage

of appropriations bills and the Farm Bill Reauthorization, some of these bills were unable to receive consideration. Others may have passed one chamber, were received in the other and referred to a committee of jurisdiction, but were not considered or voted on in committee. There is always the possibility that these bills will be introduced in subsequent congresses. For instance, the Little Shell Chippewa Indians Restoration Act has been reintroduced since the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress (2005-2006).

Republican sponsored bills: 7

Democrat sponsored bills: 4

1. [S. 1223, the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act](#)
  - Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on March 27, 2018
  - Passed the Senate March 22, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) on May 24, 2017
2. [S. 269, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes](#)
  - Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on the Environment on March 30, 2018, and referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on March 27, 2018
  - Passed the Senate on March 22, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on February 1, 2017
3. [S. 1333, Tribal HUD-VASH Act of 2017](#)
  - Last Activity: Received in the House of Representatives and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on May 25, 2018
  - Passed the Senate on May 23, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator John Tester (D-MT) on June 12, 2017
4. [S. 1116, the Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2017](#)
  - Last Activity: Hearing held by the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on July 24, 2018
  - Passed the Senate on March 22, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) on May 11, 2017
5. [H.R. 1491, The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2017](#)
  - Last Activity: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 559 on August 23, 2018
  - Passed the House of Representatives on November 28, 2017
  - Introduced by Representative Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) on March 10, 2017
6. [H.R. 3764, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2018](#)
  - Last Activity: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 574 on September 17, 2018
  - Passed the House of Representatives on September 12, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative Greg Gianforte (R-MT-At Large) on September 13, 2017

7. [H.R. 4824, Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act of 2018](#)
  - Last Activity: Received in the Senate on September 17, 2018
  - Passed the House of Representatives on September 12, 2018
  - Introduced by Representative John Curtis (R-UT-3) on January 18, 2018
8. [S. 2515, PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act](#)
  - Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs on October 3, 2018
  - Passed the Senate on September 28, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) on March 7, 2018
9. [H.R. 597, Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2017](#)
  - Latest Activity: Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 625 on October 5, 2018
- Passed the House of Representatives on July 11, 2017
- Introduced by Representative Jeff Dunham (R-CA-10) on January 20, 2017
10. [S. 607, the Native American Business Incubators Program Act](#)
  - Last Activity: Placed on the House Union Calendar on November 20, 2018
  - Passed the Senate on March 22, 2018
  - Introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) on March 13, 2017
11. [S.2599, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act](#)
  - Last Activity: Held at the Desk in the House of Representatives on December 19, 2018
  - Passed/agreed to in the Senate with amendments by Voice Vote on December 13, 2018.
  - Introduced by Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) on March 22, 2018

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