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**STATUS OF INDIAN-RELATED LEGISLATION – 115<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS**

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**(Public Laws highlighted in “Red”)**

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>EXPLANATION</b>
<b>ALASKA:</b>		
H. R. 229, a bill to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 0
H. R. 230, a bill to ensure equitable treatment of Shee Atiká, Incorporated, under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act by facilitating the transfer of land on Admiralty Island, Alaska, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 0
H. R. 348, a bill to more accurately identify and transfer subsurface gravel sources originally intended to be made available to the Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation in exchange for its relinquishment of related property rights, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/5/17.	1/5/17-Referred to Committee on Committee on Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 0
H. R. 231, a bill to fulfill the land conveyance requirements under Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for the Alaska Native Village of Canyon Village, and for other purposes. was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 0
H. R. 513, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Exchange Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/12/17.  S. 131, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Exchange Act of 2017 was introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on 1/12/17.	1/12/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to Subcommittee on Federal Lands.  1/12/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 0  Provides for the exchange of certain National Forest System land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.  Tribal provisions.  Cosponsors: 1
H. R. 49, the American Energy Independence and Job Creation Act, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committees on Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce; and Science, Space, and Technology. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.	Cosponsors: 0  SEC. 11. Conveyance. ... (1) to the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation the surface estate of the lands described in paragraph 1 of Public Land Order 6959, to the extent necessary to fulfill the Corporation’s entitlement under sections 12 and 14 of the Alaska

		Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1611 and 1613) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the Department of the Interior, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation effective January 22, 1993; and ...  Other tribal provisions.
S. 101, the King Cove Road Land Exchange Act, was introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) 1/11/17.	1/11/17-Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 1  Provides for the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska for the construction of a road between King Cove and Cold Bay.
S. Res. 55, a resolution recognizing February 26, 2017, as the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, was introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-SD) on 2/7/17.	2/7/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Committee on the Judiciary	Cosponsors: 1  Whereas Alaska Natives have lived on the land surrounding the Denali area and used the resources of the land for food, shelter, clothing, transportation, handicrafts, and trade for thousands of years; ...
<b>BUDGET:</b>		
H. R. 292, the Honoring Our Trust Relationships Act of 2017 or the HOT-R Act, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on the Budget.	Cosponsors: 1  Amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to exempt specified American Indian and Alaska Native programs administered by the Departments of the Interior, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, and Health and Human Services from sequestration.
<b>CALIFORNIA:</b>		
S. 32, the Desert Protection and Recreation Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on 1/5/17	S1/5/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 0  Provides for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes.  Sen. Feinstein: "The desert's sweeping desert vistas and rugged mountain terrain not only provide for a truly remarkable backcountry experience, but also provide vital refuge for everything from bighorn sheep and desert tortoises to Joshua Trees and Native American artifacts."  Tribal provisions.
H. R. 857, the California Off-Road Recreation and Conservation Act, was	2/3/17-Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 1

introduced by Rep Paul Cook (R-CA) on 2/3/17.		<p>“SEC. 1604. Land taken into trust for lone pine paiute-shoshone reservation.”(a) Trust land.—As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall take the approximately 132 acres of Federal land depicted on the Map as ‘Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Addition’ into trust for the benefit of the Tribe, subject to the following: ...“(c) Gaming prohibition.—Gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (<a href="#">25 U.S.C. 2701</a> et seq.) shall not be allowed on the land taken into trust pursuant to subsection (a). “</p> <p>Other tribal provisions.</p>
<b>CARCIERI FIX:</b>		
H. R. 130, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p> <p>Amends the Indian Reorganization Act to make it applicable to all federally recognized Indian tribes, regardless of when any tribe became recognized. (This effectively overrules the Supreme Court's decision in <i>Carcieri v. Salazar</i>, which held that the Secretary of the Interior could not take land into trust for a specified tribe because that tribe had not been under federal jurisdiction when the Act was enacted.)</p>
<b>COMMUNITY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACT:</b>		
S, 142, the Community Economic Assistance Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA) on 1/12/17.	1/12/17-Referred to Committee on Finance.	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>“SEC. 1397G. Designation of community economic assistance zones. “(a) In general.—For purposes of this title, the term ‘community economic assistance zone’ means any area—</p> <p>“(1) which is nominated by the governor or governors of the State or States in which it is located for designation as a community economic assistance zone (hereafter in this section referred to as a ‘nominated area’, and “(2) which the Secretary designates as a community economic assistance zone, after consultation with—“(A) the Secretary of Labor, and“(B) in the case of an area on an Indian reservation, the Secretary of the Interior. “</p>
<b>EDUCATION:</b>		
H. R. 212, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 0

<p>Act to provide a process for expediting congressional review of an Indian tribe's funding agreement at the Indian tribe's request, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.</p>		
<p>S. 185, the Head Start Improvement Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) on 1/23/17.</p>	<p>1/23/17-Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Amends the Head Start Act to authorize block grants to States for prekindergarten education.“SEC. 639. Block grants to eligible states and indian tribes. “(a) In general.— Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, beginning on October 1 of the first fiscal year following the date of enactment of the Head Start Improvement Act of 2017, from the amounts appropriated to carry out this subchapter under section 638 for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants to eligible States and Indian tribes from allotments made under subsection (b) in accordance with this section. “ ,,</p> <p>Other tribal provisions.</p>
<p>S. Res. 40, a resolution designating the week beginning on February 5, 2017, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week", was introduced by Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) on 2/1/17.</p>	<p>2/1/17-Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by unanimous consent.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 17</p> <p>Whereas there are 37 Tribal Colleges and Universities operating on more than 75 campuses in 16 States; whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities are tribally chartered or federally chartered institutions of higher education and therefore have a unique relationship with the Federal Government; whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities serve students from more than 250 federally recognized Indian tribes; ...</p>
<p><b>EMPLOYMENT:</b></p>		
<p>H. R.228, a bill to amend 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, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>1/3/17-Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p>
<p>S. 63, the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Moran (R-KS) on 1/9/17.</p>	<p>1/9/17-Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-SCIA ordered reported favorably.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 11</p> <p>Seeks to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.</p>

<p>S. 91, the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on 1/10/17.</p>	<p>1/10//17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-SCIA ordered reported favorably.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1  Seeks to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes.</p>
<p>S, 144, the Promise Zone Job Creation Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA) on 1/12/17.</p>	<p>1/12/17-Referred to Committee on Finance.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1  “SEC. 1400V–1. Designation of Promise Zones. “(a) In general.—For purposes of this part, the term ‘Promise Zone’ means any area—“(1) which is nominated by one or more local governments or Indian Tribes (as defined in section 4(13) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (<u>25 U.S.C. 4103(13)</u>) for designation as a Promise Zone (hereafter in this section referred to as a ‘nominated area’), “</p>
<p>H. R. 986, a bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act, was introduced by Rep, Todd Rokita (R-IN) on 2/9/17.</p>	<p>2/9/17-Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 9</p>
<p><b>ENERGY:</b></p>		
<p>H.R. 210, the Native American Energy Act, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0  Amends the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to permit certain entities to appraise Indian land or trust assets involved in a transaction requiring Department of Interior approval. (Currently, Interior sets appraisal requirements.) A tribe may waive the requirement for an appraisal.</p>
<p>S. 245, the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017, was introduced by Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND) on 1/30/17.</p>	<p>1/30/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17- Ordered reported.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 6</p>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL:</b></p>		
<p>S. 74, the Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act, was introduced by Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) on 1/9/17.</p>	<p>1/9/17-Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1  ...SEC. 205. Gulf of Mexico long-term marine environmental monitoring and research program. ... (3) TRUST RESOURCES.—The term “trust resources” means the living and non-living natural resources belonging to, managed by, held in trust by, appertaining to, or otherwise controlled by the United States, any State, federally recognized Indian tribe, or a local government.</p>

S. 110, the Digital Coast Act, was introduced by Sen. Tammy Baldwin on 1/12/17.	1/12/17-Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. 1/24/17- Ordered reported without amendment.	Cosponsors: 3  (e) Financial agreements and contracts.—(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the program, the Secretary—(A) may enter into financial agreements to carry out the program, including—(i) support to non-Federal entities that participate in implementing the program; and (ii) grants, cooperative agreements, interagency agreements, contracts, or any other agreement on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis, with other Federal, tribal, ...
<b>EXPEDITED FUNDS AVAILABILITY ACT:</b>		
H. R. 385, a bill to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands by Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-AS-At Large) on 1/9/17.	1/9/17-Referred to Committee on Financial Services.	Cosponsors: 1
<b>FEDERAL RECOGNITION:</b>		
H. R. 984, a bill to extend 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, was introduced by Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA) on 2/7/17.	2/7/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 4
<b>FORT ONTARIO STUDY ACT:</b>		
H. R. 46, the Fort Ontario Study Act, was introduced by Rep. John Katko (R-NY) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 1/30/17-House passed the bill under suspension of the rules by voice vote.	Cosponsors: 2  Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York. ...SEC. 2. Findings. Congress makes the following findings: (1) From 1755 until 1814, Fort Ontario and three previous fortifications built on the site of the Fort in Oswego, New York, on the shore of Lake Ontario were used as military installations during the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812. ...
<b>GRAND CANYON:</b>		
H. R. 360, a bill to designate the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) on 1/6/17.	1/6/17-Referred to Committee on Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	Cosponsors: 8  Grand Canyon tribe fears for its future amid battle against uranium mining. Bill would protect 1.7 million acres near Grand Canyon as National Monument Bill would protect 1.7 million acres near Grand Canyon as National Monument,

		8/29/16, Obama receives 550,000 signatures demanding he designate Grand Canyon National Monument.
<b>GUNS;</b>		
H. R. 445, the Buyback Our Safety Act, was introduced by Rep. Theodore Deutch (D-FL) on 1/11/17.	1/11/17-Referred to Committee on the Judiciary. 2/6/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.	Cosponsors: 2  SEC. 2. Gun buyback grant program.(a) In general.—The Attorney General, through the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice, shall establish a gun buyback grant program under which the Assistant Attorney General may make grants to law enforcement agencies of States, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to assist in funding gun buyback programs carried out by such agencies.
<b>HAITI:</b>		
H. Con. Res. 4, a concurrent resolution expressing support for temporary protected status for Haitian nationals currently residing in the United States, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) on 1/4/17.	1/4/17-Referred to Committees on the Judiciary and Foreign Affairs.	Cosponsors: 0  Whereas in October of 2016, Hurricane Matthew devastated Haiti killing over 1,000 people, directly affected 2.1 million people including the internal displacement of 175,000 and 1.4 million people in need of urgent humanitarian aid; Whereas the storm damage has been estimated to be \$1,000,000,000, or about 11.4 percent of the gross domestic product of Haiti; Whereas Hurricane Matthew was the worst hurricane to hit Haiti in over 50 years; . . .
<b>HEALTH RELATED:</b>		
H. R.309, the National Clinical Care Commission Act, was introduced by Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) on 1/5/17.	1/5/17-Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce.. 1/9/17-House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the bill by voice vote. 1/10/17-Senate referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	Cosponsors: 26  Sec 2. Establishment National Clinical Care Commission Act ...“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be composed of the following voting members: “(A) The heads (or their designees) of the following Federal agencies and departments: ... “(iv) The Indian Health Service. ...
<b>ILLINOIS LAND DISPUTE:</b>		
H. R. 183, a bill to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes;, was introduced by Rep. Markwayne Mullin, (R-OK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17- Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 0  Confers exclusive jurisdiction to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma's land claim arising under the Treaty of Grouseland. The court must render judgement without regard to defenses based on the passage of time, including the statute of limitations. The U. S. is the only entity liable for such a claim and monetary damages are the only

		available remedy. This jurisdiction expires unless such a claim is filed within one year of enactment of this bill. All other claims of the tribe to title arising under the Treaty of Grouseland are extinguished.
<b>INDIAN EMPOWERMENT ACT:</b>		
H. R. 215, the American Indian Empowerment Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 0  Empowers federally recognized Indian tribes to accept restricted fee tribal lands.
<b>INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE:</b>		
H. R. 235, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committees on Budget, Natural Resources, and Energy and Commerce. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 0  Amends the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Services and Indian Health Facilities accounts of the Indian Health Service. The advance appropriations provide new budget authority that first becomes available in the first fiscal year after the budget year. The bill requires the President's budget and the supporting documents submitted to Congress to include detailed estimates related to the advance appropriations.
H. R. 981, a bill to prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the Indian Health Service, was introduced by Rep, Norma Torres (D-CA) on 2/7/17.	2/7/17-Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.	Cosponsors: 3
<b>KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK:</b>		
S. 136, the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act, was introduced by Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) on 1/12/17.	1/12/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 1  Kennesaw Mountain was originally a home to the mound builders in the years 900 to 1700 AD. Their descendants, the Creek people, were pushed out of Georgia by the Cherokee, who were then exiled by the United States and the state of Georgia on the Trail of Tears to the Oklahoma Territory during the Georgia Gold Rush. In December
<b>LAND INTO TRUST:</b>		



<p>H. R. 130, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 2</p>
<p>H. R. 131, a bill to reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p>
<p>H. R. 146, a bill to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Charles Fleischmann (R-TN) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 4</p>
<p>H. R. 211, a bill to empower federally recognized Indian tribes to accept restricted fee tribal lands, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>1/3/17-Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p>
<p>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, was introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on 2/1/17.</p> <p>H. R.236, 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 purpose, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>2/1/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-SCIA ordered reported.</p> <p>1/3/17-Referred to Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and Commerce. 2/10/17- Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Directs HHS to convey to the Tanana Tribal Council in Tanana, Alaska, all interest of U.S. and to certain property (including all land, improvements, and appurtenances) containing 11.25 acres, in the village of Tanana for use in connection with health and social services programs. HHS shall convey to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation in Dillingham, Alaska, all interest of U.S. and to certain property included in the Dental Annex Subdivision (including all land, improvements, and appurtenances) containing 1.474 acres more or less, also for use in connection with health and social services programs. Neither the Tanana Tribal Council nor the Corporation shall be liable for soil, surface water, groundwater, or other contamination resulting from the disposal, release, or presence of environmental contamination, including oil or petroleum products, or hazardous substances on any of the properties.</p> <p>Cosponsors: 0</p>

<p>H. R. 597, the Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA) on 1/20/17.</p>	<p>1/20/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p> <p>Takes into trust for the benefit of the Lytton Rancheria of California certain land owned by the tribe in Sonoma County, CA. Land taken into trust is made a part of the tribe's reservation. Gaming is prohibited on this land and in a specified area of Sonoma County. Gaming is prohibited until 3/16/37, on land taken into trust for the benefit of the tribe after enactment of this bill. The memorandum of agreement entered into by the tribe and the county that was approved by the county on 3/10/15, is not subject to review and approval by the Department of the Interior.</p>
<p>S. 249, a bill to provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes, was introduced by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) on 2/1/17.</p>	<p>2/1/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-SCIA ordered reported.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Amends the Indian Long-Term Leasing Act to expand the land of the Pueblo of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh pueblo that may be leased for up to 99 years with the approval of the Department of the Interior, from lands held in trust, to all of the lands of the Pueblo of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh pueblo.</p>
<p><b>LAWS, REPEAL OBSOLETE INDIAN:</b></p>		
<p>S. 343, a bill to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians, was introduced by Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD) on 2/8/17.</p>	<p>2/8/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p>
<p><b>NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES:</b></p>		
<p>S. 254, the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act, was introduced by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) on 2/1/17.</p>	<p>2/1/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-SCIA ordered reported.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 6</p> <p>Amends the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize through FY2022 and revise a grant program administered by the Administration for Native Americans at the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. The minimum number of enrollees in educational programs funded by grants is reduced from 10 to 5 enrollees in Native American language nests and from 15 to 10 enrollees in the Native American language survival schools. The bill increases the maximum duration of grants.</p>
<p><b>NUCLEAR WASTE INFORMED CONSENT ACT:</b></p>		

<p>S. 95, the Nuclear Waste Informed Consent Act, was introduced by Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV) on 1/11/17.</p> <p>H. R. 456, the Nuclear Waste Informed Consent Act, was introduced by Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV) on 1/11/17.</p>	<p>1/11/17-Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p> <p>1/11/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce. 1/25/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>...SECTION 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear Waste Informed Consent Act”. SEC. 2. Definitions. In this Act, the terms “affected Indian tribe”, “affected unit of local government”, “Commission”, “high-level radioactive waste”, “repository”, “spent nuclear fuel”, and “unit of general local government” have the meanings given the terms in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101).</p> <hr/> <p>SEC. 3. Consent based approval (4) each affected Indian tribe.</p> <p>Cosponsors: 2</p>
<p><b>OCMULGEE NATIONAL MONUMENT:</b></p>		
<p>S. 135, the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act, , and for other purposes, was introduced by Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) on 1/12/17.</p>	<p>1/12/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Seeks to redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary. This park is a prehistoric American Indian site. American Indians first came here during the Paleo-Indian period hunting Ice Age mammals. Many different American Indian cultures occupied this land for thousands of years. Around 900 CE, the Mississippian Period began. They constructed mounds for their elite, which remain today.</p>
<p><b>RECOGNITION:</b></p>		
<p>S. 39, a bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes, was introduced by Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) on 1/6/17.</p>	<p>1/6/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-Ordered reported.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Extends federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana. Directs the Secretary to acquire, for the benefit of the Tribe, trust title to 200 acres of land within the Tribe's service area to be used for a tribal land base.</p>
<p><b>RED RIVER GRADIENT BOUNDARY SURVEY ACT</b></p>		
<p>S. 90, the Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act, was introduced by Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) on 1/10/17.</p> <p>H. R. 428, the Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act, was introduced by Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX) on 1/10/17.</p>	<p>1/10/17-Referred to Committee on the Judiciary.</p> <p>1/10/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/7/17-Rules Committee provided rules for debate in House.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>... (I) the Texas General Land Office, in consultation with each affected federally recognized Indian tribe; and ... Other tribal provisions.</p> <p>(3) LANDOWNER.—The term “landowner” means any individual, group, association, corporation, federally recognized Indian tribe or member of such an Indian tribe, or</p>

		<p>other private or governmental legal entity that owns an interest in land in the affected area. Other tribal provisions.</p> <p>Cosponsors: 12</p>
<b>REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017:</b>		
H. R. 5, the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) on 1/3/17.	<p>1/3/17-Referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, and Small Business.</p> <p>1/5/17- Referred to the Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.</p> <p>1/11/17-House passed by 238 – 183.</p> <p>1/12/17-Senate referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 25</p> <p>Seeks to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations, to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.</p> <p>SEC. 103. RULE MAKING.          ... (b) ... (b) Rule Making... the following: ... (5) Any reasonable alternatives... (C) potential regional, State, local, or tribal...</p> <p>Other tribal provisions.</p>
<b>REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:</b>		
H. R. 33, a bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep, Steve Chabot (R-OH) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committees on the Judiciary and Small Business.	<p>Cosponsors: 14</p> <p>SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF RULES COVERED BY THE REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT. (d) Inclusion of Rules IH) Tribal Organizations.— Paragraph(5) of section 601 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and tribal organizations (as defined in Nsection 4(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(l)),” after “special districts,”.</p> <p>Other tribal provisions.</p>
<b>ROAD SAFETY:</b>		
S. 302, the John P. Smith Act, was introduced by Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) on 2/3/17.	<p>2/3/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.</p> <p>2/8/17-SCIA ordered reported.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 2</p> <p>Seeks to enhance tribal road safety, and for other purposes.</p>
<b>SELF-DETERMINATION:</b>		
H. R. 212, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide a process for expediting congressional review of an Indian tribe's funding agreement at the Indian tribe's request, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.	<p>1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p>

<p><b>SUNSHINE REGULATION:</b></p> <p>H. R. 469, the Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA) on 1/12/17.</p>	<p>1/12/17-Referred to Committee on the Judiciary. 2/6/17-Referred to Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 17</p> <p>B) alleging that the agency is unlawfully withholding or unreasonably delaying an agency action relating to a regulatory action that would affect the rights of—(i) private persons other than the person bringing the action; or(ii) a State, local, or tribal government; ...</p>
<p><b>TANANA TRIBAL COUNCIL:</b></p> <p>H. R. 236, 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 purpose, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>2/17/15-Referred to Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p> <p>Directs HHS to convey to the Tanana Tribal Council in Tanana, Alaska, all interest of U.S. and to certain property (including all land, improvements, and appurtenances) containing 11.25 acres, in the village of Tanana for use in connection with health and social services programs. HHS shall convey to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation in Dillingham, Alaska, all interest of U.S. and to certain property included in the Dental Annex Subdivision (including all land, improvements, and appurtenances) containing 1.474 acres more or less, also for use in connection with health and social services programs. Neither the Tanana Tribal Council nor the Corporation shall be liable for soil, surface water, groundwater, or other contamination resulting from the disposal, release, or presence of environmental contamination, including oil or petroleum products, or hazardous substances on any of the properties.</p>
<p><b>TAX RELATED:</b></p>		
<p>S. 18, the Fair Tax Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>1/3/17-Referred to Finance Committee.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 2</p> <p>SEC. 202. CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS. (a) Repeals.--The following provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 2017 are repealed:(72) Section 7873 (relating to Federal tax treatment of income derived by Indians from exercise of fishing rights secured by treaty, etc.).</p>
<p>S. 43, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit individuals eligible for Indian Health Service assistance to qualify for health savings accounts, was introduced by Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV) on 1/5/17.</p>	<p>1/5/17-Referred to Senate Finance Committee.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to specify that receiving hospital care or medical services under a medical care program of the Indian Health Service or a tribal organization does not</p>

		disqualify an individual from being eligible for a health savings account.
H. R. 185, the Territorial Economic Growth and Recovery Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.	Cosponsors: 1  Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for economic recovery in the Virgin Islands and Guam, and for other purposes.
H. R. 605, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Act, was introduced by Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) on 1/23/17.	1/23/17-Referred to Committees on Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce.	Cosponsors: 0  B) ENTITY DESCRIBED.—An entity is described in this subparagraph if such entity is—... (II) an Indian tribe, as defined in section 4(13) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103(13)), including any tribally designated housing entity (as defined in section 4(22) of such Act (25 U.S.C. 4103(22))), tribal subsidiary, subdivision, or other wholly owned tribal entity, and...  Other tribal provisions.
<b>TRAFFICKING:</b>		
H. R. 459, the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Ann Wagner on 1/11/17.	1/11/17-Referred to Committee on the Judiciary.	Cosponsors: 25  “(5) SUPPORTING EVIDENCE.—“(A) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION.—For purposes of this section, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the movant is a victim of trafficking if the movant includes in the motion—“(i) a copy of an official record, certification, or eligibility letter from a Federal, State, tribal, or local proceeding, ...  Other tribal provisions.
<b>VETERANS:</b>		
H. R. 293, a bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/4/17.	1/4/17-Referred to Committee on Veterans' Affairs.	Cosponsors: 0
S. 35, a bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes, was introduced by Sen. John Thune (R-SD) on 1/5/17.	1/5/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 2
S. 304, the Tribal Veterans Health Care Enhancement Act, was introduced by Sen. John Thune (R-SD) on 2/3/17.	2/3/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.	Cosponsors: 1

		Amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the IHS to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
<b>WATER:</b>		
H. R. 23, the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture.	Cosponsors: 12  Seeks to provide drought relief in the State of California, and for other purposes.  SEC. 504. BUREAU RESPONSIBILITIES. a) In General.-- The principal responsibilities of the Bureau under this title are to—(1) serve as the point of contact for applicants, State agencies, Indian tribes, and others regarding proposed qualifying projects;...  Other tribal provisions.
H. R. 434, the New WATER Act, was introduced by Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA) on 1/11/17.	1/11/17-Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Cosponsors: 6  Sec. 10. State, tribal, and local permits.  Other tribal provisions.
S.140, 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, was introduced by Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) on 1/12/17.	1/12/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-SCIA ordered reported.	Cosponsors: 1
<b>WEATHER:</b>		
H. R. 353, the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK) on 1/6/17.	1/6/17-Referred to Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. 1/9/17-House passed by voice vote under suspension of the rules.	Cosponsors: 6  SEC. 412. WEATHER ENTERPRISE OUTREACH. (a) In General.--The Under Secretary may establish mechanisms for outreach to the weather enterprise--(1) to assess the weather...(3) Indian tribes (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)) and Native Hawaiians (as defined in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517)). ...  Tribal provisions,

## **Executive Communications:**

### **Senate:**

EC-43. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Instituting Smoke-Free Public Housing" (RIN2577-AC97) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-450. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Onshore Oil and Gas Order Number 1, Approval of Operations" (RIN1004-AE37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-473. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; American Fisheries Act; Amendment 113" (RIN0648-BF54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-503. A joint communication from the Special Representative, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Special Representative, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the President on 902 Consultations"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Report to the Congress: Compact Impact Analysis of the 2015 Reports on Guam and Hawaii" and "Impact of the Compacts of Free Association on Guam FY (Fiscal Year) 2004 through FY 2015"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-564. A communication from the Staff Attorney, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Procedures" (RIN3141-AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2017; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-598. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: Indian Health Prescription Drug Monitoring"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-642. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Chinook Salmon Bycatch Management in the Gulf of Alaska Trawl Fisheries; Amendment 103" (RIN0648-BF84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-643. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XF012) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-644. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled



``Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Groundfish Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE990) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-645. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ``Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE950) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**House:**

176. A letter from the Division Chief, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final order -- Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Onshore Oil and Gas Order Number 1, Approval of Operations [WO-300-L13100000.PP0000] (RIN: 1004-AE37) received January 10, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

196. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule -- Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; American Fisheries Act; Amendment 113 Docket No.: 151113999-6999-02] (RIN: 0648-BF54) received January 11, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

334. A letter from the Staff Attorney, National Indian Gaming Commission, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Commission's final rule -- Privacy Act Procedures (RIN: 3141-AA65) received January 19, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

335. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of Amended Offer to donate Lands Acquired Adjacent to the Sabinoso Wilderness for Inclusion in the Wilderness through Section Six of The Wilderness Act of 1964 and to create public access to the Sabinoso Wilderness, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1135(a); Public Law 88-577, Sec. 6(a);(78 Stat. 896); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

336. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report titled ``Indian Health Prescription Drug Monitoring", pursuant to Sec. 827, 25 U.S.C. 1680q; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

337. A letter from the U.S. Special Representative and CNMI Special Representative, transmitting a report on the 902 Consultations from the Special Representatives of the United States and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) focusing on Immigration and Labor Issues and Proposed Military Activities in the CNMI, pursuant to 48 U.S.C. 1801; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

339. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Ninth Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 14045d(c); Public Law 109-162, Sec. 903(c) (as added by Public Law 113-4, Sec. 903(3)); (127 Stat. 120); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

384. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's ``Report to the Congress: Compact Impact Analysis of 2015 Reports from Guam and Hawaii", along with the related report ``Impact of the Compacts of Free Association on Guam FY (Fiscal Year) 2004 through FY 2015", pursuant to 48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)(8); Public Law 108-188, Sec. 104(e)(8); (117 Stat. 2741); jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Foreign Affairs.

429. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule -- Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Allow the Use of Longline Pot Gear in the Gulf of Alaska Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Fishery; Amendment 101 [Docket No.: 151001910-6999-02] (RIN: 0648-BF42) received January 26, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.