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<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. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 0
H. R. 348, the Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation Gravel Exchange Amendment Act, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/5/17.	1/5/17-Referred to Committee on Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	Cosponsors: 0  Seeks 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.
H. R. 231, the Canyon Village Land Conveyance Act, 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  Seeks to fulfill the land conveyance requirements under Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for the Alaska Native Village of Canyon Village, and for other purposes.
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. 2/17/17-Senate passed without amendment and an amended preamble by unanimous consent.	Cosponsors: 2 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 1/4/17.	1/4/17-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>BUSINESS, NATIVE AMERICAN:</b>		
S. 607, the Native American Business Incubators Program Act, was introduced by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) on 3/13/17.	3/13/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.	Cosponsors: 2  The Secretary shall establish a program in the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development to provide financial assistance in the form of competitive grants to eligible applicants for the establishment and operation of business incubators that provide business incubation services to Native businesses and Native entrepreneurs.
<b>CALIFORNIA:</b>		

<p>S. 32, the California Desert Protection and Recreation Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on 1/5/17</p>	<p>1/5/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Provides for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes.</p> <p>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. “</p> <p>Tribal provisions.</p>
<p>H. R. 857, the California Off-Road Recreation and Conservation Act, was introduced by Rep Paul Cook (R-CA) on 2/3/17.</p>	<p>2/3/17-Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. 2/16/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <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>
<p><b>CAMERAS, BORDER:</b></p>		

<p><b>H. R. 1608, a bill to require agents and officers of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to wear body cameras, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY) on 3/17/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/17/17-Referred to Committees on Homeland Security, Judiciary, and Ways and Means.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 32</b></p> <p><b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article One of the United States Constitution, section 8, clause 18: The Congress shall have Power--To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof or Article One of the United States Constitution, Section 8, Clause 3: The Congress shall have Power--To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes; ...</b></p>
<p><b>CANADA:</b></p>		
<p><b>S. Res. 88, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Government of Canada does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin, was introduced by Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) on 3/15/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/15/17-Referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 8</b></p> <p><b>Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Government of Canada does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.</b></p>
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<p><b>CARCIERI FIX:</b></p>		
<p><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.</b></p>	<p><b>1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.</b>  <b>2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 2</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p>

		federal jurisdiction when the Act was enacted.)
<b>COAL:</b>		
H. J. Res. 71, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue of the Department of the Interior relating to consolidated Federal oil and gas and Federal and Indian coal valuation reform, was introduced by Rep. Scott Tipton (R-C) on 2/13/17.	2/13/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.	Cosponsors: 11  Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Office of Natural Resources Revenue of the Department of the Interior relating to ``Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform" (published at 81 Fed. Reg. 43337 (July 1, 2016)), and such rule shall have no force or effect.
S. 436, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, to designate certain wilderness areas, and for other purposes, was introduced by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) on 2/16/17.	2/16/17-Referred to Energy and Natural Resources Committee.	Cosponsors: 1
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>		
<b>H. R. 1581, the Tribal Digital Access Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA) on 3/16/17.</b>	<b>3/16/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 0</b>  <b>Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to add access to telecommunications and information services in Indian country and areas with high populations of Indian people to the universal service principle relating to access to such services in rural, insular, and high cost areas.</b>
<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.	Cosponsors: 1  "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—  “(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. “
<b>COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION EXEMPTION ACT:</b>		
<b>H. R. 1264, the Community Financial Institution Exemption Act, was introduced by Rep. Roger William (R-TX) on 2/28/17.</b>	<b>2/28/17-Referred to Committee on Financial Services.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 0</b>  <b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (“To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes”).</b>
<b>DRUGS:</b>		
<b>H. R. 1245, the Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act, was introduced by Rep. Elijah Cummins (D-MD) on 2/28/17.</b>	<b>2/28/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce.</b>	<b>Cosponsors; 22</b>  <b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 . . .” To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes”</b>
<b>EDUCATION:</b>		
<b>H. R. 212, the Expediting Funding For Efficient Contracting Tribes Act” or the “EFFECT Act”, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.</b>	<b>1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 0</b>  <b>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,</b>
<b>S. 185, the Head Start Improvement Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) on 1/23/17.</b>	<b>1/23/17-Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 1</b>  <b>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. “ ,,</b>  <b>Other tribal provisions.</b>
<b>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.</b>	<b>2/1/17-Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by unanimous consent.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 17</b>  <b>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</b>

		Government; whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities serve students from more than 250 federally recognized Indian tribes; ...
<p><b>S. 457, the Rural Educator Support and Training Act or the REST Act, was introduced by Sen. Jon Tester (D-MI) on 2/27/17.</b></p>	<p><b>2/27/17-Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 2</b></p> <p><b>“(B) DEFERMENT.—“(i) IN GENERAL.—...“(I) ADVANCED STUDY.—For advanced study to enable such individual to complete a course of study leading to an advanced degree in elementary or secondary education or school administration, or needed to become certified by a State or Indian tribe to teach, for an appropriate period (in years, as determined by the Secretary). ... SEC. 201. National board certification incentive program. ...“(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. ...</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>“SEC. 259B. Rural student educator scholarship program. “(a) Grants authorized. “(1) IN GENERAL “(d) Placement assistance.—The Secretary shall assist the recipient of a rural educator scholarship in learning about placement opportunities in eligible schools by transmitting the name and educational credentials of such recipient to—...and “(3) tribal education agencies.</b></p>

<p>S. 458, the Native Educator Support and Training Act or the NEST Act, was introduced by Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) on 2/27/17.</p>	<p>2/27/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 2</p>
<p>S. 660, the Native American Indian Education Act, was introduced by a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, was introduced by Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO) on 3/15/17.</p>	<p>3/15/17-Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians.</p>
<p>H. R. 1528, the Native American Indian Education Act, was introduced by Rep. Scott Tipton on 3/15/17.</p>	<p>3/15/17-Referred to Committee on Education and the Workforce.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 6</p> <p>Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians. amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians.</p>
<p><b>ELECTIONS:</b></p>		
<p>H. R. 1615, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to apply the ban on contributions and expenditures by foreign nationals under such Act to foreign-controlled, foreign-influenced, and foreign-owned domestic corporations, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) on 3/17/17.</p>	<p>3/17/17-Referred to Committee on House Administration.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 26</p> <p>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: "[The Congress shall have the power] to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes . . ." Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: "[The Congress shall have the power to] make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.</p>
<p><b>EMPLOYMENT:</b></p>		
<p>H. R. 228, the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017, 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>Amends 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.</p>



<p>S. 63, the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Jerry 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.  2/17/17-SCIA reported without amendment. S. Rept. 115-3.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 12   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, the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2017, 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: 10 Clarifies the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.</p>
<p>H. R. 228, the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Act of 1992, 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 Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs. <b>2/27/17-House passed under suspension of the rules.</b></p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0 Amends the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to revise the program that provides for the integration of employment, training, and related services programs for Indian tribes. The Act is renamed the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992.Revises the types of programs that may be integrated. Revises the process for: (1) federal agencies to grant or deny a tribe's request to waive statutory, regulatory, or administrative requirements to efficiently implement an integration plan, and (2) the Department of the Interior to approve or disapprove an integration plan. A tribe is granted certain hearing and appeal rights if Interior disapproves its plan.</p>
<p><b>H. R. 1300, the United States Call Center Worker and Consumer Protection Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. David McKinley (R-WV) on 3/2/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/2/17-Referred to Committees on House Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, and Oversight and Government Reform.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 1</b>  <b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: According to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution: The Congress shall have power to enact this legislation to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.</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: 7</p>

<p><b>H. R. 1343, the Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL) on 3/2/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/2/17-Referred Committee on Financial Services.</b> <b>3/9/17-Ordered reported by 48 - 11.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 7</b></p> <p><b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Section 8, Clause 3: To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.</b></p> <p><b>Directs the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans.</b></p>
<p><b>H. R. 1360, the Seller Finance Enhancement Act, was introduced by Rep. Roger Williams (R-TX) on 3/2/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/2/17-Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 2</b></p> <p><b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 ("To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes")</b></p> <p><b>Exempts small seller financiers from certain licensing requirements.</b></p>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL:</b></p>		
<p><b>S. 74, the Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act, was introduced by Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) on 1/9/17.</b></p>	<p><b>1/9/17-Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 1</b></p> <p>...SEC. 205. Gulf of Mexico long-term marine environmental monitoring and research program. ...<b>(3) TRUST RESOURCES.—</b>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>
<p><b>S. 110, the Digital Coast Act, was introduced by Sen. Tammy Baldwin on 1/12/17.</b></p>	<p><b>1/12/17-Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</b> <b>1/24/17-Ordered reported without amendment.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 3</b></p> <p><b>(e) Financial agreements and contracts.—(1) IN GENERAL.—</b>In carrying out the program, the Secretary—<b>(A)</b> may enter into financial agreements to carry out the program, including—<b>(i)</b> support to non-Federal entities that participate in implementing the program; and <b>(ii)</b> grants, cooperative agreements, interagency agreements, contracts, or any other agreement on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis, with other Federal, tribal, ...</p>
<p><b>EPA:</b></p>		

<p><b>H. R. 1431, the EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK) on 3/8/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/8/17-Referred to Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 1</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 2. SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD. ... (b) Membership.--B) at least ten percent of the membership of the Board are from State, local, or tribal governments;...</b></p>
<p><b>EXPEDITED FUNDS AVAILABILITY ACT:</b></p>		
<p><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.</b></p>	<p><b>1/9/17-Referred to Committee on Financial Services.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 1</b></p>
<p><b>FEDERAL RECOGNITION:</b></p>		
<p><b>H. R. 984, the Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA) on 2/7/17.</b></p>	<p><b>2/7/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 4</b></p> <p>Seeks 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,</p>
<p><b>FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY:</b></p>		
<p><b>H. R. 1530, the Financial Transparency Act of 2017 was introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) on 3/23/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/23/17-Referred to Committees on Financial Services and Agriculture.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 28</b></p> <p><b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8 Clause 3. The Congress shall have power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.</b></p>
<p><b>FORT ONTARIO STUDY ACT:</b></p>		
<p><b>H. R. 46, the Fort Ontario Study Act, was introduced by Rep. John Katko (R-NY) on 1/3/17.</b></p>	<p><b>1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.</b>  <b>1/30/17-House passed the bill under suspension of the rules by voice vote.</b>  <b>1/7/17- Senate referred to Committee on Energy.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 2</b></p> <p>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. ...</p>
<p><b>FRANK AND JEANNE MOORE WILD STEELHEAD SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA DESIGNATION ACT:</b></p>		

<p>S. 513, the Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area Designation Act, was introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) on 3/2/17.</p>	<p>3/2/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>SEC. 4. Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area, Oregon. ... (h) Protection of tribal rights.—Nothing in this section diminishes any treaty rights of an Indian tribe.</p>
<p><b>FUEL MANAGEMENT:</b></p>		
<p>H. R. 1593, a bill to repeal the corporate average fuel economy standards, was introduced by Rep. Roger William (R-TX) on 3/17/17.</p>	<p>3/17/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p> <p>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 ("To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes").</p>
<p><b>GRAND CANYON:</b></p>		
<p>H. R. 360, the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument Act, was introduced by Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) on 1/6/17.</p>	<p>1/6/17-Referred to Committee on Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 8</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>GUNS:</b></p>		
<p>H. R. 445, the Buyback Our Safety Act, was introduced by Rep. Theodore Deutch (D-FL) on 1/11/17.</p>	<p>1/11/17-Referred to Committee on the Judiciary. 2/6/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 2</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>HAITI:</b></p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>1/4/17-Referred to Committees on the Judiciary and Foreign Affairs. 1/11/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 5</p> <p>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;</p>

		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>H. R. 1561, a bill to prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control, was introduced by Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY) on 3/16/17.</b>	<b>3/16/17-Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 7</b>  <b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 1. The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the... general Welfare of the United States; . . .Article I, Section 8, Clause 3. The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.</b>
<b>H. R. 1578, the Donald Payne Sr. Colorectal Cancer Detection Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Donald Payne, Jr. on 3/16/17.</b>	<b>3/16/17-Referred to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 14</b>  <b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I Section 8 Clause 3-- Congress has the ability to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.</b>
<b>H. R. 1492, the Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX) on 3/10/17.</b>	<b>3/10/17-Referred to Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary. 3/21/17-Referred to Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 0</b>  <b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian Tribes.</b>
<b>H. R. 1369, the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) on 3/6/17.</b>	<b>3/6/17-Referred to Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Budget. 3/20/17-Referred to Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 0</b>  <b>Amends the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, and for other purposes.</b>
<b>HOMELAND SECURITY:</b>		

<p>H. R. 1370, the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Michael McCall (R-TX) on 3/16/17.</p>	<p>3/16/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 2</p> <p>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 and Article I, Section 8, Clause 3  `To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof'. and `To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes; ...</p>
<p><b>HORSE PROTECTION:</b></p>		
<p>H. R. 1338, the Horse Protection Amendments Act, introduced by Rep. Scott Desjarlais (R-TN) on 3/2/17.</p>	<p>3/2/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 10</p> <p>Amends the Horse Protection Act to provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3. Congress shall have Power to regulate Commerce with Foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with Indian Tribes.</p>
<p><b>ILLINOIS LAND DISPUTE:</b></p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>INDIAN EMPOWERMENT ACT:</b></p>		
<p>H. R. 215,K the American Indian Empowerment Act of 2017, 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</p> <p>Empowers federally recognized Indian tribes to accept restricted fee tribal lands.</p>
<p><b>INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE:</b></p>		

<p>H. R. 235, the Indian Health Service Advance Appropriations Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>H. R. 981, the Indian Health Service Hiring Freeze Exemption Act, was introduced by Rep, Norma Torres (D-CA) on 2/7/17.</p>	<p>2/7/17-Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 4</p> <p>SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON HIRING FREEZE FROM AFFECTING INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE. The memorandum titled ``Presidential Memorandum Regarding the Hiring Freeze" published on January 23, 2017, or any other substantially similar memorandum, Executive order, or other action by the President to prevent a department or agency of the Federal Government from filling vacant Federal civilian employee positions or creating new such positions, shall have no force or effect with respect to positions within the Indian Health Service.</p>
<p><b>S. 465, the Independent Outside Audit of the Indian Health Service Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Mike Rounds on 2/28/17.</b></p>	<p><b>2/28/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 2</b></p>
<p><b>INDIAN OIL AND GAS LEASES:</b></p>		
<p>H. J. Res. 82, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Measurement of Oil", was introduced by Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR) on 2/16/17.</p>	<p>2/16/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 3</p> <p>Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Measurement of Oil" (81 Fed. Reg. 81462 (November 17, 2016)), and such rule shall have no force or effect.</p>
<p><b>S. J. Res. 29, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue of the Department of the Interior relating to consolidated Federal oil and gas and Federal and Indian coal valuation reform, was</b></p>	<p><b>3/2/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 5</b></p> <p><b>Nullifies the rule submitted by the Office of Natural Resources Revenue entitled "Consolidated Federal Oil &amp; Gas and Federal &amp; Indian Coal Valuation Reform." The rule published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2016, addresses royalties</b></p>



introduced by Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) on 3/2/17.		generated from oil, gas, and coal production.
<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.
<b>LAND INTO TRUST:</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. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 2
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.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 1
H. R. 146, the Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act, was introduced by Rep. Charles Fleischmann (R-TN) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Naturel Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 4  This bill takes specified lands and easements in Monroe County, TN, into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, including the Sequoyah Museum, the Chota Memorial, the Tanasi Memorial. ...The TVA maintains its right to carry out river control and development on these lands, including temporarily and intermittently flooding certain lands. ... The TVA must be compensated for lost hydropower capacity from future development of these lands. Gaming on these lands is prohibited.
H. R. 211, the Chugach Region Lands Study Act, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. 2/16/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.	Cosponsors: 0  Empowers federally recognized Indian tribes to accept restricted fee tribal lands, and for other purposes.
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	2/1/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-SCIA ordered reported.	Cosponsors: 1  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

<p>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>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>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, Repealing Existing Substandard Provisions Encouraging Conciliation with Tribes Act" or the ``RESPECT Act". 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>Repeals certain obsolete laws relating to Indians.</p>

<b>LITTLE SHELL TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS:</b>		
S. 39, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) on 1/6/17.	1/6/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-Ordered reported.	Cosponsors: 1  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.
<b>LOANS:</b>		
H. R. 1614, a bill to authorize borrowers of loans under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program to modify the interest rate of such loans to be equal to the interest rate for such loans at the time of modification, was introduced by Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI) on 3/17/17.	3/17/17-Referred to Committee on Education and the Workforce.	Cosponsors: <u>33</u>  Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3. The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.
<b>MINING HEALTH BENEFITS:</b>		
H. R. 1613, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan, and for other purposes, was introduced by Rep. David McKinley (R-WV) on 3/17/17.	3/17/17-Referred to Committees on Natural Resources and Ways and Means.	Cosponsors: 1  Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: According to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution: The Congress shall have power to enact this legislation to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.
<b>MUTUAL BANK CAPITAL OPPORTUNITY ACT:</b>		
H. R. 1595, the Mutual Bank Capital Opportunity Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Keith Rothfus (R-PA) on 3/17/17.	3/17/17-Referred to Committee on Financial Services.	Cosponsors: 2  Amends the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to allow mutual capital certificates to satisfy capital requirements for mutual depositories.  Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States "[t]o regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes."
<b>NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES:</b>		

<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>H. R. 1169, the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act, was introduced by Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) on 2/16/17.</p>	<p>2/16/17-Referred to Committee on Education and the Workforce.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 22</p> <p>Amends the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.</p>
<p><b>NAVAJO:</b></p>		
<p>S. 436, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, to designate certain wilderness areas, and for other purposes, was introduced by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) on 2/16/17.</p>	<p>2/16/17-Referred to Energy and Natural Resources Committee.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p>
<p><b>S. 664, the Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) on 3/15/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/15/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 0</b></p> <p><b>Seeks to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, and for other purposes.</b></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>POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS:</b></p>		
<p><b>H. R. 1532, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Land Reaffirmation Act, was introduced by Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-AL) on 3/15/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/15/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 6</b></p> <p><b>Reaffirms that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and for other purposes.</b></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. <b>2/28/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</b></p> <p>1/10/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/10/17-Referred to Subcommittee on Federal Lands. 2/14/17-House passed by 250-171.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>... (1) 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 other private or governmental legal entity that owns an interest in land in</p>

		the affected area. Other tribal provisions.  Cosponsors: 13
<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.	1/3/17-Referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, and Small Business. 1/5/17- Referred to the Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law. 1/11/17-House passed by 238 – 183. 1/12/17-Senate referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	Cosponsors: 25  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.  SEC. 103. RULE MAKING. ,,(b)... `` (b) Rule Making...the following:... `` (5) Any reasonable alternatives... `` (C) potential regional, State, local, or tribal...  Other tribal provisions.
<b>ROAD SAFETY:</b>		
S. 302, the John P. Smith Act, was introduced by Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) on 2/3/17.	2/3/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. 2/8/17-SCIA ordered reported.	Cosponsors: 2  Seeks to enhance tribal road safety, and for other purposes.
<b>SAC AND FOX RESERVATION:</b>		
S. 381, a bill 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", was introduced by Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) on 2/15/17.  H. R. 1074, a bill 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", was introduced by Rep. Rod Blum (R-IA) on 2/15/17.	2/15/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.  2/15/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources	Cosponsors: 2  <i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i> That the Act of June 30, 1948, 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" (62 Stat. 1161, chapter 759) is repealed.  Cosponsors: 3
<b>SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY IMPROVEMENT ACT:</b>		
H. R. 33, Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep, Steve Chabot (R-OH) on 1/3/17.	1/3/17-Referred to Committees on the Judiciary and Small Business. 1/12/2017-Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law.	Cosponsors: 14  Amends 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,  SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF RULES COVERED

		<p>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>SANTA CLARA PUEBLO:</b>		
<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 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>
<b>SANTA YNEZ BAND OF CHUMASH INDIANS:</b>		
<p><b>H. R. 1491, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) on 3/10/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/10/17-Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 3/20/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 0</b></p> <p><b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to regulate commerce with Indians in the United States.</b></p>
<b>SELF-DETERMINATION:</b>		
<p>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>	<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</p>
<b>SMALL BUSINESS:</b>		

<p>H. R. 1101, the Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX) on 2/16/17.</p>	<p>2/16/17-Referred to Committee on Education and the Workforce.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the general welfare of the United States), Clause 3 (relating to the power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes), and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).</p>
<p><b>H. R. 1312, the Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act, was introduced by Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) on 3/2/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/2/17-Referred to Financial Services Committee.</b> <b>3/9/17-Ordered to be reported amended by 58 - 0.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 2</b></p> <p><b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress ``To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes:" as enumerated in Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution</b></p>
<p><b>H. R. 1244, the Capital Access for Small Businesses and Jobs Act, was introduced by Rep. Peter King (R-NY) on 2/28/17.</b></p>	<p><b>2/28/17-Referred to Committee on Financial Services.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 10</b></p> <p><b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 The Congress shall have power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.</b></p>
<p><b>SMALL TRACTS CONVEYANCE ACT:</b></p>		
<p>H.R. 1106, the Small Tracts Conveyance Act, was introduced by Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV) on 2/16/17.</p>	<p>2/16/17-Referred to Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p> <p>Provides for the conveyance of small parcels of National Forest System land and small parcels of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management to private landowners, State, county, and local governments, or Indian tribes whose lands share a boundary with the National Forest System land or public lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.</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: 18</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>
<b>TANANA TRIBAL COUNCIL:</b>		
<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>1/3/17-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>
<b>TAX RELATED:</b>		
<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: 42</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, the Native American Health Savings Improvement Act, 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 disqualify an individual from being eligible for a health savings account.</p>

<p>H. R. 185, the Territorial Economic Growth and Recovery Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI) on 1/3/17.</p>	<p>1/3/17-Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for economic recovery in the Virgin Islands and Guam, and for other purposes.</p>
<p>H. R. 605, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Act, was introduced by Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) on 1/23/17.</p>	<p>1/23/17-Referred to Committees on Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p> <p>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...</p> <p>Other tribal provisions.</p>
<p><b>TERRITORIES:</b></p>		
<p><b>H. R. 1366, the U.S. Territories Investor Protection Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY) on 3/6/17.</b></p> <p><b>S. 484, the U.S. Territories Investor Protection Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) on 3/1/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/6/17-Referred to Committee on Financial Services.</b> <b>3/9/17-Markup; ordered reported by 58 – 0.</b></p> <p><b>3/1/17-Referred to Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.</b> <b>3/9/17-Ordered reported without amendment favorably.</b> <b>3/13/17-Reported with amendments.</b> <b>Without written report.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 6</b></p> <p><b>Amends the Investment Company Act of 1940 to terminate an exemption for companies located in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and any other possession of the United States.</b></p> <p><b>Cosponsors: 3</b></p>
<p><b>TIME REPORT:</b></p>		
<p><b>H. R. 1364, the Official Time Reform Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Jody Hice (R-GA) on 3/6/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/6/17-Referred to Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</b> <b>3/10/17-ordered to be reported amended by 23 – 17.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 0</b></p> <p><b>Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution states ``To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.'' Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution states ``To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.''</b></p>
<p><b>TRAFFICKING:</b></p>		

<p>H. R. 459, the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Ann Wagner on 1/11/17.</p>	<p>1/11/17-Referred to Committee on the Judiciary. 2/6/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 26</p> <p>“(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, ...</p> <p>Other tribal provisions.</p>
<p><b>VETERANS:</b></p>		
<p>H. R. 293, the Highly Rural Veteran Transportation Program Extension Act, was introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) on 1/4/17.</p>	<p>1/4/17-Referred to Committee on Veterans' Affairs. 1/19/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 0</p> <p>Extends 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.</p>
<p>S. 35, the Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act, was introduced by Sen. John Thune (R-SD) on 1/5/17.</p>	<p>1/5/17-Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 2</p> <p>Seeks 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,</p>
<p>S. 304, the Tribal Veterans Health Care Enhancement Act, was introduced by Sen. John Thune (R-SD) on 2/3/17.</p>	<p>2/3/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 1</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>H. R. 1390, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay costs relating to the transportation of certain deceased veterans to veterans' cemeteries owned by a State or tribal organization, was introduced by Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN) on 3/7/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/7/17-Referred to Committee on Veterans' Affairs. 3/9/17-Referred to Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 3</b></p>
<p><b>VIOLENCE:</b></p>		
<p>S. Res. 60, a resolution designating May 5, 2017, as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls”, was introduced by Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) on 2/13/17.</p>	<p>2/13/17-Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 8</p> <p>Whereas, according to a study commissioned by the Department of Justice, in some tribal communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average murder rate; Whereas,</p>

		according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, homicide was the third-leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native women between 10 and 24 years of age and the fifth-leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women between 25 and 34 years of age; ...
<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. 2/10/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.	Cosponsors: 13  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. 2/7/17-Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.	Cosponsors: 5  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>S. 664, the Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) on 3/15/17.</b>	<b>3/15/17-Referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.</b>	<b>Cosponsors: 0</b>  <b>Seeks to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, and for other purposes.</b>
<b>WEATHER:</b>		

<p>H. R. 353, the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK) on 1/6/17.</p>	<p>1/6/17-Referred to Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. 1/9/17-House passed by voice vote under suspension of the rules.</p>	<p>Cosponsors: 6</p> <p>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)). ...</p> <p>Tribal provisions,</p>
<p><b>S. 570, the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017, was introduced by Sen. John Thune (R-SD) on 3/8/17.</b></p>	<p><b>3/8/17-referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</b></p>	<p><b>Cosponsors: 1</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 412. Weather enterprise outreach. ... (b) Outreach community.—In conducting outreach under subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall contact leading experts and innovators from relevant stakeholders, including the representatives from the following: ... (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)). ...</b></p> <p><b>Other tribal provisions.</b></p>

**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.

EC-837. A communication from the Acting Director, 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; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE880) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-838. A communication from the Acting Director, 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; Shortraker Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE894) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-839. A communication from the Acting Director, 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; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE925) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-840. A communication from the Acting Director, 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; Big Skate in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE922) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**EC-955. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ``Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments; Annual Adjustments" (RIN1076-AF35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2017; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.**

**EC-988. A communication from the Acting Director, 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; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE878) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.**

**EC-990. A communication from the Acting Director, 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; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE009) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.**

**EC-1024. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.**

#### **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.

621. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule -- Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 150818742-6210-02] (RIN: 0648-XF103) received February 21, 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.

**727. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule -- Pacific Island Pelagic Fisheries; 2016 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Bigeye Tuna Fishery; Closure [Docket No.: 151023986-6763-02] (RIN: 0648-XE284) received March 3, 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.**

**728. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule -- Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 150916863-6211-02] (RIN: 0648-XF109) received March 3, 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.**

**732. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule -- Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 150916863-6211-02] (RIN: 0648-XE935) received March 3, 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.**

**735. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's Final rule -- Civil Penalties Inflation**



Adjustments; Annual Adjustments (RIN: 1076-AF35) received March 3, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

792. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule -- Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 150916863-6211-02] (RIN: 0648-XE867) received March 13, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec.

800. A letter from the Acting Administrator, TSA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Administration's certification that the level of screening services and protection provided at Joe Foss Field Sioux Falls Regional Airport (FSD) will be equal to or greater than the level that would be provided at the airport by TSA Transportation Security Officers, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44920(d)(1); Public Law 107-71, Sec. 108(a); (115 Stat. 613); to the Committee on Homeland Security.???

801. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of the memorandum entitled ``Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline''; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, and Energy and Commerce.

803. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Twenty-third Report to Congress on Progress Made in Licensing and Constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 16523; Public Law 109-58, Sec. 1810; (119 Stat. 1126); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Petitions, etc.

27. Also, a petition of Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Arizona, relative to Resolution No. C02-35-17, supporting the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and Indian-related provisions of the Affordable Care Act; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Budget.