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116th Congressional Report Card (2nd Session): Bills Affecting Tribes

During the 2nd Session of the 116th Congress, the American Indian Policy Institute tracked and notified subscribers of Bills that were Tribal-specific or had a Tribal impact. Nine (9) such Bills were signed into law, while 6 were passed in one chamber of Congress, but not the other. Throughout the session, AIPI's monthly Policy Updates notified email subscribers of 57 other Bills with Tribal implications considered by Congress. The updates also included 12 Resolutions specific to Indian Country, 4 of which were adopted by Congress and are enumerated below. Further, 145 Federal Register Notices which were directed towards Tribes were tracked by AIPI in 2020.

***Note:** This document focuses primarily on stand-alone Tribal Bills and does not include Tribal provisions in appropriations Bills funding federal agencies and programs. The numbers reflecting Republican and Democrat sponsored Bills and resolutions only references the primary sponsor of legislation and does not include (D) and (R) co-sponsors.

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An Audit of Bill Sponsorship

In 2020, Bills with Tribal implications were introduced by 19 unique Senators and 24 unique members of the House of Representatives. Those with the most representation in the Bills enumerated below are as follows:

- 6 Bills: Representative Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7)
- 5 Bills: Senator Tom Udall (D-NM)
- 4 Bills: Representative Debra Haaland (D-NM-1)
Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
- 3 Bills: Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)
Senator John Hoeven (R-ND)
Representative Don Young (R-AK-At Large)

Bills with Tribal Implications Signed into Law in 2020

Republican sponsored Bills becoming law: 3

Democrat sponsored Bills becoming law: 6

Bills are organized by the date of their latest action. A brief summary of what is mandated by each Bill is included below:

1. [H.R. 266](#), [Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act](#).

- Became Public Law No. 116-139 on April 24, 2020.
- Introduced by Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN-4) on January 08, 2019.
- Law provides funding for small business loans, health care providers, and COVID-19 testing. Provided \$11 billion for COVID-19 testing to states, localities, territories, Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian health organizations. Law also provides a \$750 million appropriation to the Indian Health Service.
- Supplementary coverage: [NCAI](#), [NAFOA](#).

2. [S. 227](#), [Savanna's Act](#).

- Became Public Law No. 116-165 on October 10, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on January 25, 2019.
- Law directs the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols to address missing and murdered Native Americans. Law improves Tribal access to federal crime information databases, standardizes protocols between Tribal, federal, state, and local entities to respond to missing and murdered Native Americans, and requires the Attorney General and Secretary of the Interior to submit an annual report to Congress on known statistics of missing and murdered Indian women and to provide recommendations on improving such data collection.
- Supplementary coverage: [Indian Country Today](#).

3. [S. 982](#), [Not Invisible Act of 2019](#).

- Became Public Law No. 116-166 on October 10, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) on April 2, 2019.
- Law increases intergovernmental coordination to identify and combat violent crimes against Native Americans occurring on Indian lands. Law directs the Secretary of the Interior to designate an official within the Office of Justice Services in the Bureau of Indian Affairs to coordinate prevention efforts, grants, and programs across offices within the Bureau of Indian Affairs and with the Department of Justice (D.O.J.) related to the murder of, tracking of, and missing Indians—coordinated efforts with D.O.J. will include the Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Violence Against Women, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Office of Tribal Justices, and other agencies of the federal government. Law also requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice to establish a Joint Advisory Committee on reducing violent crime against Native people.
- Supplementary coverage: [Indian Country Today](#).

4. [S. 294](#), [Native American Business Incubators Program Act](#).

- Became Public Law No. 116-174 on October 20, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) on January 31, 2019.
- Law elevates the Office of Native American Business Development to be placed within the Department of Commerce Office of the Secretary, expands the use of the Buy Indian Act to federal agencies outside the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service, and reauthorizes and expands initiatives under the Native American Programs Act. The law also creates a Native American Business Incubators Program under the Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development.
- Supplementary coverage: [NAFOA](#), [NCAIED](#).

5. [S. 209](#), [PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act](#).

- Became Public Law No. 116-180 on October 21, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) on January 24, 2019.
- Law authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Office of Self-Governance, to select no more than 50 new Indian Tribes per year to participate in self-governance programs. Tribes participating in Tribal self-governance may carry out construction programs and projects and may, upon approval of the Secretary of the Interior, assume some federal responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
- Supplementary coverage: [Indian Country Today](#).

6. [S. 212](#), [Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2020](#).

- Became Public Law No. 116-261 on December 30, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) on January 24, 2019.
- This Bill promotes Tribal economic development by amending the Buy Indian Act; the Native American Programs Act of 1974; and the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000. This legislation elevates the Office of Native American Business Development to the Office of the Secretary of Commerce, expands the Buy Indian Act, and reauthorizes and expands economic development initiatives. The Bill also requires interagency cooperation to promote private investment in Indian Country. S. 212 passed the Senate on June 27, 2019. On December 3, 2020, S. 212 passed the House with an amendment and was sent back to the Senate for consideration. The Senate agreed to the House amendment by Voice Vote on December 17, 2020 and the Bill was signed into law by the President on December 30, 2020.
- Supplementary coverage: [NCAIED](#), [Navajo Nation](#).

7. [S. 2730](#), [Drone Advisory Committee for the 21st Century Act](#).

- Became Public Law No: 116-280 on December 31, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) on October 29, 2019.
- This bill expands the membership of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Drone Advisory Committee to include representatives from counties and Tribal nations with interests in agriculture, forestry, and rangeland use of unmanned aircraft. S. 2730 passed the Senate on December 10 and the House on December 18 before being signed into law by the President on December 31, 2020.

8. [H.R. 6237](#), [PRC for Native Veterans Act](#).

- Became Public Law No: 116-311 on January 5, 2021.
- Introduced by Representative Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7) on March 12, 2020.
- This bill specifies that the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Defense must reimburse the Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribes, or Tribal organizations for health care services provided to American Indian and Alaska Native veterans, regardless of whether such services are provided directly by the IHS, Tribes, or Tribal organizations, through purchased/referred care, or through contracts for travel. H.R. 6237 passed the House on November 16 and the Senate on December 18, 2020 before being signed into law by the President on January 5, 2021.
- Supplementary coverage: [Indian Country Today](#).

9. [H.R. 6535](#), [To deem an urban Indian organization and employees thereof to be a part of the Public Health Service for the purposes of certain claims for personal injury, and for other purposes](#).

- Became Public Law No: 116-313 on January 5, 2021.
- Introduced by Representative Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7) on April 17, 2020.
- This bill extends federal torts claim coverage for certain personal injury claims (i.e., medical malpractice liability protection) to urban Indian organizations and their employees by deeming them as part of the Public Health Service. Such coverage is already provided to Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Indian contractors, and their employees. H.R. 6535 passed the House on December 17 and the Senate on December 20, 2020 before being signed into law by the President on January 5, 2021.

Bills Tracked by AIPI in 2020

The following 57 Bills were tracked by AIPI throughout the second session of the 116th Congress. Many of these Bills were introduced and referred to a committee with jurisdiction over an issue but may not have received a congressional hearing or vote. Many of the Bills in this section of the document will be re-introduced for consideration in the 117th Congress by their respective Bill sponsors, assuming they were re-elected or their successor or another member of Congress takes up the issue. Bills are organized by the date of their introduction.

Republican sponsored Bills: 16

Democrat sponsored Bills: 41

1. [H.R. 317](#), [Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2019](#).
 - Last Activity: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders on January 6, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) on January 8, 2019.
2. [S. 524](#), [Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Advisory Committee Act of 2019](#).
 - Last Activity: Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on January 29, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) on February 14, 2019.
3. [S. 804](#), [Empowering Rural Economies Through Alaska Native Sustainable Arts and Handicrafts Act](#).
 - Last Activity: Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on September 16, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) on March 14, 2019.
4. [S. 886](#), [Indian Water Rights Settlement Extension Act](#).
 - Last Activity: Received in the House, Held at the desk on June 15, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) on March 27, 2019.
5. [H.R. 2247](#), [PUGET SOS Act](#).
 - Last Activity: Received in the Senate, read twice, and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on February 10, 2020. Passed the House of Representatives on motion to suspend the rules and pass the Bill, as amendment to by voice vote on February 5, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Denny Heck (D-WA-10) on April 10, 2019.
6. [H.R. 2438](#), [Not Invisible Act of 2020](#).
 - Last Activity: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 409 by House of Representatives on September 16, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Deb Haaland (D-NM-1) on May 1, 2019.
7. [H.R. 2733](#), [Savanna's Act](#).

- Last Activity: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 408 by House of Representatives on September 16, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Norma Torres (D-CA-35) on May 14, 2019.
8. [H.R. 2791](#), [Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Advisory Committee Act of 2019](#).
- Last Activity: Ordered to be reported (amended) by Voice Vote by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 30, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Debra Haaland (D-NM-1) on May 16, 2019.
9. [S. 1853](#), [BADGES for Native Communities Act](#).
- Last Activity: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 476 on June 4, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) on June 13, 2019.
10. [H.R. 3977](#), [Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act](#).
- Last Activity: Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 532 on December 15, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Debra Haaland (D-NM-1) on July 25, 2019.
11. [S. 2340](#), [Cahokia Mounds Mississippian Culture National Historical Park Act](#).
- Last Activity: Hearing held by the Senate Subcommittee on National Parks on March 3, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) on July 30, 2019.
12. [S. 2533](#), [A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to Alaska Native elders for determining eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes](#).
- Last Activity: Hearings held, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining on September 16, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on September 24, 2019.
13. [S. 2558](#), [Nursing Home Care for Native American Veterans Act](#).
- Last Activity: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 541 on September 15, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) on September 26, 2019.
14. [S. 2668](#), [Solar Energy Research and Development Act of 2019](#).
- Last Activity: Sen. Lisa Murkowski from the Senate committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed with written Report No. 116-202 on January 9, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) on October 22, 2019.
15. [S. 2912](#), [Blackwater Trading Post Land Transfer Act](#).
- Last Activity: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 557 on September 24, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Martha McSally (R-AZ) on November 20, 2019.
16. [S. 3150](#), [Native Plant Species Pilot Program Act of 2020](#).

- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on January 6, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) on January 6, 2020.
17. [S. 3154](#), [Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act](#).
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on January 8, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator John Thune (R-SD) on January 8, 2020.
18. [S. 3181](#), [Inspiring Nationally Vibrant Economies Sustaining Tribes Act of 2020](#).
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on January 9, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on January 9, 2020.
19. [H.R. 5673](#), [Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2020](#).
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on January 27, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7) on January 24, 2020.
20. [H.R. 5854](#), [Native Act to Transform Imagery in Various Environments](#).
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on February 11, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ-6) on February 11, 2020.
21. [S. 3264](#), [Bridging the Tribal Digital Divide Act of 2020](#).
- Last Activity: Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably by the Committee on Indian Affairs on November 18, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) on February 11, 2020.
22. [H.R. 5850](#), [Bridging the Tribal Digital Divide Act of 2020](#).
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit on February 25, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7) on February 11, 2020.
23. [S. 3324](#), [A bill to permit the Miami Nation of Indiana to apply for acknowledgement as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, and for other purposes](#).
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on February 24, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Todd Young (R-IN) on February 24, 2020.
24. [S. 3359](#), [Tribal Transportation Equity and Transparency Improvement Act of 2020](#).
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on February 27, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator John Thune (R-SD) on February 27, 2020.
25. [H.R. 6261](#), [To provide for coverage of testing for COVID-19 at no cost sharing for Indians receiving health services through the Indian Health Service, and for other purposes](#).

- Last Activity: Referred to the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on April 1, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36) on March 12, 2020.
- 26. [S. 3511](#), [Supplemental Services for Native Elders Act.](#)**
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on March 17, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) on March 17, 2020.
- 27. [S. 3514](#), [Tribal Medical Supplies Stockpile Access Act of 2020.](#)**
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on March 17, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) on March 17, 2020.
- 28. [H.R. 6468](#), [Coronavirus Assistance for States Act.](#)**
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on April 7, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Ed Perlmutter (D-CO-7) on April 7, 2020.
- 29. [H.R. 6563](#), [Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020.](#)**
- Last Activity: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure on May 5, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Grace Meng (D-NY-6) on April 21, 2020.
- 30. [H.R. 6585](#), [Equitable Data Collection and Disclosure on COVID-19 Act.](#)**
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on April 27, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL-2) on April 27, 2020.
- 31. [S. 3622](#), [Indian Tribal Government Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Disaster Assistance Cost Share Relief Act.](#)**
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on May 6, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM) on May 6, 2020.
- 32. [S. 3650](#), [Coverage for Urban Indian Health Providers Act.](#)**
- Last Activity: Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably by the Committee on Indian Affairs on July 29, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) on May 7, 2020.
- 33. [S. 3666](#), [COVID-19 DISASTER in Indian Country Act.](#)**
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on May 7, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM) on May 7, 2020.
- 34. [H.R. 6772](#), [Tribal COVID–19 Disaster Assistance Cost Share Relief Act.](#)**
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management on May 11, 2020.

- Introduced by Representative Ben Ray Luján (D-NM-3) on May 8, 2020.
- 35. [S. 3672](#), [Pandemic TANF Assistance Act](#).**
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on May 11, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) on May 11, 2020.
- 36. [H.R. 6836](#), [Tribal Health Care Protection Fund Act](#).**
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations on May 12, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36) on May 12, 2020.
- 37. [S. 3742](#), [RELIEF for Main Street Act](#).**
- Last Activity: Hearings held, Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on July 23, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) on May 14, 2020.
- 38. [H.R. 6907](#), [RELIEF for Main Street Act](#).**
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business on May 15, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Daniel Kildee (D-MI-5) on May 15, 2020.
- 39. [S. 3754](#), [Technical Correction to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act of 2020](#).**
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on May 18, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) on May 18, 2020.
- 40. [H.R. 7056](#), [To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award additional funding through the Indian Health Services Sanitation Facilities Construction Program, and for other purposes](#).**
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on June 22, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1) on May 28, 2020.
- 41. [H.R. 7080](#), [Stopping the Mental Health Pandemic Act](#).**
- Last Activity: Hearings held, House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health on June 30, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Katie Porter (D-CA-45) on June 1, 2020.
- 42. [H.R. 7119](#), [Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2020](#).**
- Last Activity: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 516 by House of Representatives on December 8, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK-At-Large) on June 4, 2020.
- 43. [H.R. 7173](#), [Tribal Reservation Pandemic Protection Act](#).**
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on June 30, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Joseph Kennedy (D-MA-4) on June 11, 2020.

44. [H.R. 7263](#), [To repeal the eighth proviso under Operation of Indian Programs of 1998 to restore Tribal sovereignty.](#)
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on July 14, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Markwayne Mullen (R-OK-2) on June 18, 2020.
45. [S. 4090](#), [Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2020.](#)
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on June 25, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) on June 25, 2020.
46. [H.R. 7692](#), [Reopen Schools Safely Act.](#)
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on July 20, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Dina Titus (D-NV-1) on July 20, 2020.
47. [H.R. 7773](#), [Unlocking Opportunities in Emerging Markets Act of 2020.](#)
- Last Activity: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business on July 24, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Abby Finkenauer (D-IA-1) on July 24, 2020.
48. [H.R. 7774](#), [DIGITAL Reservations Act.](#)
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on August 21, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Debra Haaland (D-NM-1) on July 24, 2020.
49. [H.R. 8068](#), [American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Mental Health Act.](#)
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health on October 6, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Julia Brownley (D-CA-26) on August 18, 2020.
50. [S. 4562](#), [Tribal Health Data Improvement Act of 2020.](#)
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on September 10, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) on September 10, 2020.
51. [H.R. 8234](#), [Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2020.](#)
- Last Activity: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands on September 16, 2020.
 - Introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK-At Large) on September 11, 2020.
52. [S. 4650](#), [A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes.](#)
- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on September 22, 2020.
 - Introduced by Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) on September 22, 2020.

53. [H.R. 8385](#), [Taxpayer Protection Act of 2020](#).

- Last Activity: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on September 24, 2020.
- Introduced by Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL-18) on September 24, 2020.

54. [S. 4886](#), [Durbin Feeling Native American Languages Act of 2020](#).

- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on November 10, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) on November 10, 2020.

55. [S. 4914](#), [Providing Access to Tribal Health, Well-being, and Youth Safety Act of 2020](#).

- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on November 18, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator Thomas Carper (D-DE) on November 18, 2020.

56. [S. 4909](#), [Native American Veteran PACT Act](#).

- Last Activity: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on November 18, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) on November 18, 2020.

57. [H.R. 8951](#), [American Indian Land Empowerment Act of 2020](#).

- Last Activity: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on December 10, 2020.
- Introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK-At Large) on December 10, 2020.

Bills that Passed One Chamber but Not the Other in 2020

The following Bills were passed in one chamber, received in the other and may have been referred to a committee of jurisdiction but were not yet considered or voted on in committee. It is likely that with major congressional priorities, such as the impeachment of the President, some of these Bills were unable to receive due consideration. It is always possible that these Bills will be considered further in subsequent congresses. Bills are organized by date of introduction.

Republican sponsored Bills: 2

Democrat sponsored Bills: 4

1. [H.R. 4153](#), [Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act](#).

- Last Activity: Passed by Voice Vote of the House of Representatives on December 3, 2020. Received in the Senate on December 7, 2020.
- Introduced by Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA-17) on August 2, 2019.
- Bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) to enter arrangements for the sharing of medical facilities and services with urban Indian organizations. The VA and DOD shall reimburse an urban Indian organization where services are provided to beneficiaries eligible for services from either department.

2. [H.R. 4908](#), [Native American PACT Act](#).

- Last Activity: Passed by Voice Vote of the House of Representatives on September 22, 2020. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on September 23, 2020.
- Introduced by Representative Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7) on October 29, 2019.
- Bill prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs from collecting copayments from American Indian or Alaska Native veterans for hospital care or medical services.

3. [H.R. 4957](#), [Native American Child Protection Act](#).

- Last Activity: Passed by Voice Vote of the House of Representatives on September 21, 2020. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on September 22, 2020.
- Introduced by Representative Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7) on October 31, 2019.
- Bill reauthorizes an appropriation of \$30 million for each year through FY2026 and otherwise revises certain programs related to the prevention, investigation, treatment, and prosecution of family violence, child abuse, and child neglect involving Indian children and families. Specifically, the Bill revises the Indian Child Abuse Treatment Grant Program to authorize Indian Tribes, intertribal consortia, and partnerships with urban Indian organizations to use grants for culturally appropriate treatment services and programs. Bill renames the 'Indian Child Resource and Family Services Centers' as the 'National Indian Child Resource and Family Services Center' and requires targeted improvement measures be instituted at such center. Bill also revises the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Program to allow Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and intertribal consortia to use program funds for additional activities, such as operational costs for child protective services AND the definition

of child abuse to include psychological or verbal abuse that causes serious emotional or mental injury to a child.

4. [H.R. 5541](#), [Tribal Power Act](#).

- Last Activity: Passed by Voice Vote of the House of Representatives on December 9, 2020. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on December 10, 2020.
- Introduced by Representative Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1) on January 7, 2020.
- Bill amends the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to reauthorize funding to the Department of Energy's Indian Education Planning and Management Assistance Program at \$30 million for FY 2021 to 2025. The Bill also authorizes the Office of Indian Energy Director to reduce the Tribal cost-share requirement to not more than 10 percent. Lastly, the Bill directs the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with Tribal governments, to conduct an assessment study of access to electricity by residents on Tribal land and the reliability of that electricity as compared to non-Tribal communities.

5. [S. 3948](#), [A bill to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes](#).

- Last Activity: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote on December 20, 2020. Received in the House of representatives and Held at the desk on December 21, 2020.
- Introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on June 11, 2020.
- Bill extends the deadline, from three years to five years, for the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children to submit its report to the President and Congress. The commission was established to conduct a comprehensive study of federal, state, local, and Tribal programs that serve Native children and to develop plans for federal policy related to Native children.

6. [H.R. 7948](#), [Tribal Health Data Improvement Act of 2020](#).

- Last Activity: Passed by Voice Vote of the House of Representatives on September 29, 2020. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs on September 30, 2020.
- Introduced by Representative Greg Gianforte (R-MT-At Large) on August 7, 2020.
- Bill amends Section 3101(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act to improve data reporting and dissemination from the Indian Health Service, Indian Tribes, and epidemiology centers. No later than 30 days following the Bill's enactment, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall make available all data collected concerning health care and public health surveillance programs and activities from such programs and activities that are federally supported or conducted to the Indian Health Service, Indian Tribes, and epidemiology centers.

Resolutions Adopted Expressing the Sense of Congress

Senate and House of Representatives resolutions are nonbinding, meaning they are not enforceable laws, and they are not presented to the President for action. Senate resolutions do not have to be approved by the House of Representatives and vice versa.

For more information on the definition of Senate Bills and resolutions, please click [here](#), and for the House of Representatives, click [here](#).

Republican sponsored resolutions: 2

Democrat sponsored resolutions: 2

1. [S. Res. 491](#), A resolution designating the week beginning February 2, 2020, as "National Tribal Colleges and University Week".
 - Agreed to in Senate on February 11, 2020. Introduced by Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) on February 5, 2020.
2. [S. Res. 565](#), A resolution recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States.
 - Agreed to in Senate on May 7, 2020. Introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on May 7, 2020.
3. [S. Res. 591](#), A resolution promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2020, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.
 - Agreed to in Senate on May 20, 2020. Introduced by Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) on May 20, 2020.
4. [S. Res. 606](#), A resolution designating May 5, 2020, as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls".
 - Agreed to in Senate on June 3, 2020. Introduced by Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) on June 3, 2020.