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# Senator Ben Ray Luján

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Member of the Democratic Party.

Senator for the State of New Mexico.

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# Legislation Sponsored

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118 S 2614 introduced 2023-07-27

A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to expand the provision of farmer-led technical assistance, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2667 introduced 2023-07-27

A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to include support for sustainable fibers in the Local Agriculture Market Program, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2643 introduced 2023-07-27

A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to modify eligibility for prevented planting insurance under certain drought conditions, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2618 introduced 2023-07-27

A bill to rename the Office of Technology Assessment as the Congressional Office of Technology, to revise the functions and duties of the Office, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2537 introduced 2023-07-26

A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to improve access to the food distribution program on Indian reservations, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2520 introduced 2023-07-26

A bill to require the standardization of reciprocal fire suppression cost share agreements, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2023

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118 S 2540 introduced 2023-07-26

A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow for increased flexibility in the food distribution program on Indian reservations, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2536 introduced 2023-07-26

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide training materials for the use of health care professionals to inform their patients about the availability of benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2449 introduced 2023-07-20

A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to make permanent the moratorium on benefit transaction fees, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2424 introduced 2023-07-20

A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education of the Department of the Interior and the Indian Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2353 introduced 2023-07-18

A bill to provide for cost-share waivers for projects carried out in response to wildland fires caused by certain Government actions, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2023

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118 SRES 294 introduced 2023-07-13

A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2023 as "American Stroke Month".

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118 S 2322 introduced 2023-07-13

A bill to provide additional funds to States for administration of certain nutrition programs, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2306 introduced 2023-07-13

A bill to amend the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act to repeal the authorization for the provision of flat grave markers at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2273 introduced 2023-07-12

A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act.

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118 S 2077 introduced 2023-06-21

A bill to amend the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to ensure that producers who rely on acequia systems have access to drought protections, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2095 introduced 2023-06-21

A bill to authorize the Federal Communications Commission to enforce its own forfeiture penalties with respect to violations of restrictions on the use of telephone equipment.

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# Sponsored 2023

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118 S 1930 introduced 2023-06-12

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to support the buildout of clean school bus charging infrastructure through community facilities direct loans and grants.

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118 S 1898 introduced 2023-06-08

A bill to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

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118 S 1851 introduced 2023-06-07

A bill to address maternity care shortages and promote optimal maternity outcomes by expanding educational opportunities for midwives, and for other purposes.

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118 S 1801 introduced 2023-06-01

A bill to ensure that large online platforms are addressing the needs of non-English users.

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118 S 1726 introduced 2023-05-18

A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to provide emergency relief to producers of livestock with herds adversely affected by Mexican gray wolves, and for other purposes.

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118 S 1751 introduced 2023-05-18

A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2023

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118 S 1629 introduced 2023-05-16

A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the accountability of the Office of Special Counsel in enforcing certain provisions of that title vigorously, consistently, and without regard to the political affiliation, career status, or personal characteristics of individuals subject to those provisions, and for other purposes.

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118 S 1502 introduced 2023-05-09

A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out teacher leadership programs, and for other purposes.

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118 S 1404 introduced 2023-05-02

A bill to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

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118 S 1164 introduced 2023-03-30

A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to enter into contracts, grants, and agreements to carry out certain ecosystem restoration activities, and for other purposes.

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118 S 963 introduced 2023-03-23

A bill to provide enhanced student loan relief to educators.

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# Sponsored 2023

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118 S 871 introduced 2023-03-16

A bill to amend section 7014 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to advance toward full Federal funding for impact aid, and for other purposes.

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118 S 813 introduced 2023-03-15

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to amend regulations to allow for certain packers to have an interest in market agencies, and for other purposes.

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118 S 793 introduced 2023-03-14

A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

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118 S 599 introduced 2023-03-01

A bill to establish the Foundation for Digital Equity, and for other purposes.

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118 S 605 introduced 2023-03-01

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop long-distance bike trails on Federal recreational lands and waters, and for other purposes.

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118 S 543 introduced 2023-02-28

A bill to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations.

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118 S 429 introduced 2023-02-15

A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an abandoned wells research, development, and demonstration program, and for other purposes.

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118 S 403 introduced 2023-02-14

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a public education campaign across all relevant programs of the Health Resources and Services Administration to increase oral health literacy and awareness.

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117 S 5285 introduced 2022-12-15

Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act 2.0

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117 S 5205 introduced 2022-12-07

A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an abandoned wells research, development, and demonstration program, and for other purposes.

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117 S 5124 introduced 2022-11-17

A bill to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

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117 S 5073 introduced 2022-10-11

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a public education campaign across all relevant programs of the Health Resources and Services Administration to increase oral health literacy and awareness.

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117 S 5068 introduced 2022-10-11

A bill to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4865 introduced 2022-09-15

A bill to establish the Foundation for Digital Equity, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4867 introduced 2022-09-15

A bill to provide enhanced student loan relief to educators.

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117 S 4729 introduced 2022-08-02

A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to waive the cost share requirement under the emergency forest restoration program for land damaged by the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire.

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117 S 4709 introduced 2022-08-02

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to amend regulations to allow for certain packers to have an interest in market agencies, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4622 introduced 2022-07-26

Secure And Fair Enforcement Advertising Act of 2022

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117 S 4590 introduced 2022-07-21

A bill to provide requirements relating to data caps on broadband internet access service, and for other purposes.

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117 SRES 672 introduced 2022-06-14

A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2022 as "Stroke Awareness Month".

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117 S 4361 introduced 2022-06-08

A bill to require reports to Congress on reporting and disclosure requirements related to retirement plans, and for other purposes.

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117 SRES 662 introduced 2022-06-07

A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2022 as "Mental Health Awareness Month".

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117 S 4288 introduced 2022-05-19

A bill to allow manufacturers and sponsors of a drug to use alternative testing methods to animal testing to investigate the safety and effectiveness of a biological product.

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117 S 4274 introduced 2022-05-19

A bill to improve the Federal effort to reduce wildland fire risks, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2022

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117 S 4186 introduced 2022-05-11

A bill to provide compensation for victims of the fire initiated as a prescribed burn by the Forest Service in the Santa Fe National Forest in San Miguel County, New Mexico.

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117 S 4117 introduced 2022-04-28

A bill to make available additional frequencies in the 3.1-3.45 GHz band for non-Federal use, shared Federal and non-Federal use, or a combination thereof, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4096 introduced 2022-04-27

A bill to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on all detainees, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4084 introduced 2022-04-26

A bill to support the lab-embedded entrepreneurship program under the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

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117 SRES 576 introduced 2022-04-04

A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week.

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117 S 3969 introduced 2022-03-30

A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to explicitly authorize distribution of grant funds to the voting accessibility protection and advocacy system of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the system serving the American Indian consortium, and for other purposes.

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117 S 3881 introduced 2022-03-17

A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out teacher leadership programs, and for other purposes.

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117 S 3855 introduced 2022-03-16

A bill to amend section 7014 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to advance toward full Federal funding for impact aid, and for other purposes.

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117 S 3830 introduced 2022-03-14

A bill to require original equipment manufacturers of digital electronic equipment to make available certain documentation, diagnostic, and repair information to independent repair providers, and for other purposes.

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117 S 3476 introduced 2022-01-11

A bill to provide for mental health and substance use disorder services in response to public health emergencies, and for other purposes.

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117 S 3390 introduced 2021-12-14

A bill to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations.

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117 S 3337 introduced 2021-12-08

A bill to protect Native children and promote public safety in Indian country.

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# Sponsored 2021

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117 SRES 466 introduced 2021-12-02

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the International Atomic Energy Agency`s (IAEA) nuclear security role.

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117 S 3264 introduced 2021-11-18

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop long-distance bike trails on Federal land, and for other purposes.

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117 S 3187 introduced 2021-11-04

A bill to establish the Office of Technologists within the Federal Trade Commission.

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117 S 3160 introduced 2021-11-03

A bill to increase transparency, accountability, and community engagement within the Department of Homeland Security, to provide independent oversight of border security activities, to improve training for agents and officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

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117 S 3029 introduced 2021-10-20

A bill to amend section 230(c) of the Communications Act of 1934 to remove immunity for providers of interactive computer services for certain claims, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2021

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117 S 2985 introduced 2021-10-07

Indian Programs Advance Appropriations Act of 2021

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117 S 2858 introduced 2021-09-27

Creative Economy Revitalization Act

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117 S 2708 introduced 2021-08-10

Land Grant-Mercedes Traditional Use Recognition and Consultation Act

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117 S 2702 introduced 2021-08-10

Frank Harrison, Elizabeth Peratrovich, and Miguel Trujillo  
Native American Voting Rights Act of 2021

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117 S 2705 introduced 2021-08-10

Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act of 2021

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117 S 2638 introduced 2021-08-05

Family Strengthening Infrastructure Act of 2021

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117 S 2637 introduced 2021-08-05

Establishment of Community Solar Programs Act of 2021

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117 S 2612 introduced 2021-08-04

Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act of 2021

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# Sponsored 2021

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117 S 2570 introduced 2021-07-29

Border Health Security Act of 2021

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117 S 2326 introduced 2021-07-13

Native American Child Protection Act of 2021

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117 S 2232 introduced 2021-06-24

Restore and Modernize Our National Laboratories Act of 2021

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117 S 2230 introduced 2021-06-24

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the carbon oxide sequestration credit.

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117 S 2152 introduced 2021-06-21

Fair and Clear Campaign Transparency Act

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117 SRES 254 introduced 2021-05-27

A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2021 as "Mental Health Awareness Month".

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117 S 1880 introduced 2021-05-27

Protecting Indian Tribes from Scams Act

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117 S 1895 introduced 2021-05-27

A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award additional funding through the Sanitation Facilities Construction Program of the Indian Health Service, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2021

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117 S 1741 introduced 2021-05-20

Alternative Pathways to Child Abuse Prevention Act

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117 S 1716 introduced 2021-05-19

Birth Access Benefiting Improved Essential Facility Services Act

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117 S 1697 introduced 2021-05-19

Midwives for Maximizing Optimal Maternity Services Act of 2021

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117 S 1662 introduced 2021-05-17

Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act

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117 S 1624 introduced 2021-05-13

National Laboratory Biotechnology Research Act of 2021

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117 S 1548 introduced 2021-05-11

Equity in Neuroscience and Alzheimers Clinical Trials Act of 2021

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117 S 1331 introduced 2021-04-22

Reduce Impaired Driving for Everyone Act of 2021

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# Sponsored 2021

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117 SRES 175 introduced 2021-04-22

A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week.

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117 S 1332 introduced 2021-04-22

Honoring National Recovery Month Act

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117 S 1076 introduced 2021-04-12

Revive Economic Growth and Reclaim Orphaned Wells Act of 2021

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117 S 741 introduced 2021-03-11

Broadband Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2021

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117 S 724 introduced 2021-03-11

A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to make the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible for E-rate support.

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116 HR 8564 introduced 2020-10-09

To amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Ro Grande del Norte National Monument, New Mexico.

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116 HR 8127 introduced 2020-08-28

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to submit to Congress a report on unfair or deceptive acts or practices targeted at Indian Tribes or members of Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2020

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116 HR 7973 introduced 2020-08-07

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve access by Indian Tribes to support from the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support program (E-rate) of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

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116 HR 7750 introduced 2020-07-23

To prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices in connection with the public health emergency resulting from COVID-19, and for other purposes.

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116 HR 6772 introduced 2020-05-08

Tribal COVID19 Disaster Assistance Cost Share Relief Act

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116 HR 6056 introduced 2020-03-02

Accountable Capitalism Act

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116 HR 5965 introduced 2020-02-25

Leveraging our National Labs to Develop Tomorrows Technology Leaders Act

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116 HR 5964 introduced 2020-02-25

TechSMART Workforce Development Act

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116 HR 5968 introduced 2020-02-25

Community Solar Consumer Choice Act of 2020

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# Sponsored 2020

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116 HR 5966 introduced 2020-02-25

Restore and Modernize Our National Labs Act

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116 HR 5967 introduced 2020-02-25

Public Library Innovation Space Act

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116 HR 5453 introduced 2019-12-17

Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act of 2019

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116 HR 5199 introduced 2019-11-20

Expanding Capacity for Health Outcomes Act of 2019

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116 HR 5052 introduced 2019-11-12

Wage Adjustment for Veterans Enrolled in School Act

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116 HR 5016 introduced 2019-11-08

Fair and Clear Campaign Transparency Act

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116 HR 5014 introduced 2019-11-08

Improving Diagnosis in Medicine Act of 2019

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116 HR 5015 introduced 2019-11-08

Honest Campaigns Act of 2019

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# Sponsored 2019

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116 HR 4390 introduced 2019-09-18

Removing Marijuana from Deportable Offenses Act

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116 HR 4127 introduced 2019-07-30

Broadband Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2019

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116 HR 4128 introduced 2019-07-30

Map Improvement Act of 2019

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116 HR 3916 introduced 2019-07-23

Native American Seeds Protection Act of 2019

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116 HR 3846 introduced 2019-07-18

Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2019

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116 HR 3783 introduced 2019-07-16

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2019

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116 HR 3682 introduced 2019-07-10

Land Grant-Mercedes Traditional Use Recognition and Consultation Act

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116 HR 3575 introduced 2019-06-27

Increasing and Mobilizing Partnerships to Achieve Commercialization of Technologies for Energy Act

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# Sponsored 2019

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116 HR 3573 introduced 2019-06-27

Cerebral Cavernous Malformations Clinical Awareness, Research, and Education Act of 2019

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116 HR 3574 introduced 2019-06-27

Promoting Small Business Innovation through Partnerships with National Labs Act of 2019

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116 HR 3292 introduced 2019-06-14

Aamodt Litigation Settlement Completion Act of 2019

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116 HR 3135 introduced 2019-06-05

Department of Energy National Labs Jobs ACCESS Act

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116 HR 2999 introduced 2019-05-23

Tribal HUDVASH Act of 2019

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116 HR 2597 introduced 2019-05-08

Clean Energy Standard Act of 2019

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116 HR 2316 introduced 2019-04-12

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require a Federal medical assistance percentage of 100 percent for urban Indian organizations, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2019

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116 HR 2181 introduced 2019-04-09

Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019

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116 HR 1693 introduced 2019-03-12

To require the Federal Communications Commission to make the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible for E-rate support.

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116 HR 1694 introduced 2019-03-12

Native American Voting Rights Act of 2019

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116 HR 1567 introduced 2019-03-06

Prompt and Fast Action to Stop Damages Act of 2019

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116 HR 1277 introduced 2019-02-14

State Public Option Act

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116 HR 913 introduced 2019-01-30

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to promote access to life-saving therapies for Medicaid enrollees by ensuring coverage of routine patient costs for items and services furnished in connection with participation in qualifying clinical trials, and for other purposes.

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116 HR 912 introduced 2019-01-30

To amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.

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# Sponsored 2018

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115 HR 7294 introduced 2018-12-13

Accountable Capitalism Act

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115 HR 7127 introduced 2018-11-14

Native American Voting Rights Act of 2018

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115 HR 6778 introduced 2018-09-12

Medicaid Substance Use Disorder Treatment via Telehealth Act

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115 HR 6564 introduced 2018-07-26

Voting Innovation Prize Act of 2018

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115 HR 6487 introduced 2018-07-24

Land Grant and Acequia Traditional Use Recognition and Consultation Act

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115 HR 6286 introduced 2018-06-28

Bus Act of 2018

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115 HR 5839 introduced 2018-05-16

Promoting Small Business Innovation through Partnerships with National Labs Act of 2018

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115 HR 5764 introduced 2018-05-10

Growing Value-Added Economies Act

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# Sponsored 2018

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115 HR 5661 introduced 2018-04-27

Tribal Connect Act of 2018

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115 HR 5600 introduced 2018-04-24

Cerros del Norte Conservation Act

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115 HR 5587 introduced 2018-04-23

Peer Support Communities of Recovery Act

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115 HR 5567 introduced 2018-04-18

DOE National Labs Jobs ACCESS Act

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115 HR 5566 introduced 2018-04-18

To establish a technology-based job training and education program.

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115 HR 5151 introduced 2018-03-01

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a grant program improving treatment for pregnant and postpartum women.

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115 HR 5055 introduced 2018-02-15

Acequia Conservation Program Eligibility Act

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115 HR 4968 introduced 2018-02-07

Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program Reauthorization Act of 2018

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# Sponsored 2018

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115 HR 4839 introduced 2018-01-18

Broadband Infrastructure Inventory Act of 2018

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115 HR 4700 introduced 2017-12-20

Increasing and Mobilizing Partnerships to Achieve Commercialization of Technologies for Energy Act

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115 HR 4596 introduced 2017-12-07

Cooperative Research and Development Fund Authorization Act of 2017

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115 HR 4443 introduced 2017-11-16

Urban Indian Health Parity Act

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115 HR 4359 introduced 2017-11-09

Tribal HUD-VASH Act of 2017

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115 HR 4360 introduced 2017-11-09

Wage Adjustment for Veterans Student Act

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115 HR 4287 introduced 2017-11-07

Broadband Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2017

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115 HR 4129 introduced 2017-10-25

State Public Option Act

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# Sponsored 2017

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115 HR 3878 introduced 2017-09-28

Free Credit Freeze Act

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115 HR 3495 introduced 2017-07-27

Opioid and Heroin Abuse Crisis Investment Act of 2017

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115 HR 3496 introduced 2017-07-27

Public Library Innovation Space Act

---

115 HR 3211 introduced 2017-07-12

Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017

---

115 HR 2959 introduced 2017-06-20

Child Health Outreach and Mentorship Program Act

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115 HR 2789 introduced 2017-06-06

Support Startup Businesses Act of 2017

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115 HR 2402 introduced 2017-05-08

San Juan County Settlement Implementation Act

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115 HR 2378 introduced 2017-05-04

Save for Success Act

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# Sponsored 2017

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115 HR 2045 introduced 2017-04-06

Community College Energy Training Act of 2017

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115 HR 2049 introduced 2017-04-06

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2017

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115 HR 2046 introduced 2017-04-06

Peer-Support Specialist Act of 2017

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115 HR 2048 introduced 2017-04-06

Eliminating Health Disparities Act of 2017

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115 HR 2047 introduced 2017-04-06

Behavioral Health Infrastructure Improvement Act

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115 HR 1787 introduced 2017-03-29

To provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes.

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115 HR 1574 introduced 2017-03-16

Protecting Dissenting Viewpoints and Voices Act of 2017

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115 HR 1440 introduced 2017-03-08

Fair and Clear Campaign Transparency Act

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# Sponsored 2017

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115 HR 1439 introduced 2017-03-08

Keeping Our Campaigns Honest Act of 2017

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115 HR 1255 introduced 2017-02-28

CCM-CARE Act

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115 HR 1169 introduced 2017-02-16

Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act

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# Glossary

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## **House Bill (HR) and Senate Bill (S)**

A bill is a legislative proposal before Congress. Bills from each house are assigned a number in the order in which they are introduced, starting at the beginning of each Congress (first and second sessions). Public bills pertain to matters that affect the general public or classes of citizens, while private bills pertain to individual matters that affect individuals and organizations, such as claims against the Government.

## **House Joint Resolution (HJRES) and Senate Joint Resolution (SJRES)**

A joint resolution is a legislative proposal that requires the approval of both houses and the signature of the President, just as a bill does. Resolutions from each house are assigned a number in the order in which they are introduced, starting at the beginning of each Congress (first and second sessions). There is no real difference between a bill and a joint resolution. Joint resolutions generally are used for limited matters, such as a single appropriation for a specific purpose. They are also used to propose amendments to the Constitution. A joint resolution has the force of law, if approved. Joint resolutions become a part of the Constitution when three-quarters of the states have ratified them; they do not require the President's signature.

## **House Concurrent Resolution (HCONRES) and Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCONRES)**

A concurrent resolution is a legislative proposal that requires the approval of both houses but does not require the signature of the President and does not have the force of law. Concurrent resolutions generally are used to make or amend rules that apply to both houses. They are also used to express the sentiments of both of the houses. For example, a concurrent resolution is used to set the time of Congress' adjournment. It may also be used by Congress to convey congratulations to another country on the anniversary of its independence.

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## **House Simple Resolution (HRES) and Senate Simple Resolution (SRES)**

A simple resolution is a legislative proposal that addresses matters entirely within the prerogative of one house or the other. It requires neither the approval of the other house nor the signature of the President, and it does not have the force of law. Most simple resolutions concern the rules of one house. They are also used to express the sentiments of a single house. For example, a simple resolution may offer condolences to the family of a deceased member of Congress, or it may give "advice" on foreign policy or other executive business.

This information at the U.S. GPO website.