



RPC Highlight

H.R. 5910 - To authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes. Sponsored by Rep. Hageman (WY-At Large) RPC Sophomore Representative

Bill Summary:

This legislation amends the *Long-Term Leasing Act* to allow any federally recognized Indian Tribe to lease land held in trust for the tribe for up to 99 years.

Policy Background:

Prior to the *Long-Term Leasing Act* (LTLA), the *Non-Intercourse Act* prohibited the transfer, sale, lease, or other conveyance of land owned by tribes to a third party without federal approval.

The LTLA was enacted by Congress in 1955, and allowed tribes to lease their trust land for up to 25 years. Congress has amended the LTLA on several occasions to allow specific tribes to lease land for up to 99 years.

Information from the Lead Sponsor's Office:

Presse release, December 17, 2025.

Committee Action:

This legislation received a markup and was reported favorably by the House Committee on Natural Resources on December 17, 2025, by unanimous consent.

Previous House Consideration:

This legislation previously passed the House of Representatives on April 9, 2024, by voice vote.