

## House Floor Debate

June 2, 2026

- H.R. 4463 (Rep. Ralph Norman) - To amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993.
  - Removes federal restrictions that dictated tribal membership criteria under the 1993 settlement.
    - Framed strongly as a tribal sovereignty issue:
    - Restores authority to the Catawba Nation to define its own citizenship.
  - Bipartisan agreement:
    - Fixes a unique federal overreach into tribal governance.
    - No substantive opposition voiced.
  - Decision
    - Passed under suspension with broad bipartisan support.
- H.R. 5682 (Rep. Darrell Issa) - To take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and for other purposes.
  - Removes federal restrictions that dictated tribal membership criteria under the 1993 settlement.
  - Framed strongly as a tribal sovereignty issue:
  - Restores authority to the Catawba Nation to define its own citizenship.
  - Bipartisan agreement:
    - Fixes a unique federal overreach into tribal governance.
    - No substantive opposition voiced.
  - Decision
    - Passed under suspension with broad bipartisan support.
- H.R. 6162 (Rep. Melanie Stansbury) - Albuquerque Indian School Act of 2025
  - Removes federal restrictions that dictated tribal membership criteria under the 1993 settlement.
  - Framed strongly as a tribal sovereignty issue:
  - Restores authority to the Catawba Nation to define its own citizenship.
  - Bipartisan agreement:
    - Fixes a unique federal overreach into tribal governance.
    - No substantive opposition voiced.
  - Decision
    - Passed under suspension with broad bipartisan support.
- H.R. 7250 (Rep. Troy Downing) - To reauthorize the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 2000.
  - Removes federal restrictions that dictated tribal membership criteria under the 1993 settlement.
  - Framed strongly as a tribal sovereignty issue:
  - Restores authority to the Catawba Nation to define its own citizenship.
  - Bipartisan agreement:
    - Fixes a unique federal overreach into tribal governance.
    - No substantive opposition voiced.
  - Decision
    - Passed under suspension with broad bipartisan support.

- H.R. 3922 (Rep. Joe Neguse) - Cross-Boundary Wildfire Solutions Act
  - Removes federal restrictions that dictated tribal membership criteria under the 1993 settlement.
  - Framed strongly as a tribal sovereignty issue:
  - Restores authority to the Catawba Nation to define its own citizenship.
  - Bipartisan agreement:
    - Fixes a unique federal overreach into tribal governance.
    - No substantive opposition voiced.
  - Decision
    - Passed under suspension with broad bipartisan support.
- H.R. 41 (Rep. Nick Begich) - Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act
  - Recognizes five Southeast Alaska Native communities excluded under ANCSA.
  - Provides:
    - Ability to form urban Native corporations.
    - Land conveyances (~23,000 acres from Tongass).
  - Central framing:
    - Correcting a 50-year omission ("landless" communities).
  - Noted tension:
    - Concerns about impacts on Tongass National Forest, though still supportive.
  - Decision
    - Passed under suspension (after decades of prior attempts).
- H.R. 1687 (Rep. Russ Fulcher) - CLEAN Act
  - Annual geothermal lease sales (instead of biennial).
  - Faster permitting timelines (e.g., 30-day windows after review).
  - Strong bipartisan energy framing:
    - Expands domestic geothermal energy.
    - Reduces delays for developers.
  - Democratic concerns (partially resolved):
    - Risk of leasing sensitive lands.
    - Negotiated compromise preserved DOI discretion to reject parcels.
  - Decision
    - Passed under suspension (with bipartisan support after amendments).