



National Congress of American Indians

# NCAI News

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**Anti-Indian Language in Interior Approps Bill Defeated** – This afternoon, tribes and their Congressional supporters mounted a successful bipartisan effort to remove anti-Indian provisions from the House Interior Appropriations bill, H.R. 5093.

In a 281 to 144 vote, House members passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Rahall (D-WV), the ranking member of the Resources Committee, to remove the harmful provisions related to Indian trust reform.

Members then approved by a 273 to 151 margin an amendment sponsored by Rep. Hayworth (R-AZ) to delete Rep. Wolf's (R-VA) language that would have created a "Commission on Native American Policy."

Both amendments were the subject of lengthy floor debate, which will be printed in the July 17 Congressional Record, along with the vote tally by Member. The July 17 Congressional Record will be available online at <http://loc.thomas.gov> on July 18.

NCAI wishes to thank tribal leaders for their immediate response to the calls to action in support of these two amendments. This advocacy was instrumental in securing the large margins of victory that we saw in both vote counts.

The full Interior Appropriations bill is expected to pass later today.

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