



## H.R. 2675 – HALE Scouts Act

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 2675 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Dan Boren (D-OK) on June 12, 2007. The House Committee on Natural Resources ordered the bill to be reported as amended by unanimous consent on March 12, 2008.

H.R. 2675 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 31, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.R. 2675 conveys approximately 140 acres of land located in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America. The Indian Nations Council will pay the determined fair market value for the land, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture under the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition. The amount received in payment will be deposited into a fund and used for the acquisition of additional land for the Ouachita National Forest.

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### BACKGROUND

The Ouachita National Forest covers 1.8 million acres in central Arkansas and southeastern Oklahoma. The Ouachita National Forest is headquartered in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and is managed for multiple uses, including timber and wood production, watershed protection and improvement, habitat for wildlife and fish species (including threatened and endangered species), wilderness area management, mineral leasing, and outdoor recreation.

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### COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that implementing this legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

[CBO cost estimate for H.R. 2675](#)

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