



H.R. 6685 – To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 6685 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 Stephen Lynch (D-MA) on July 31, 2008. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, but was never considered.

H.R. 6685 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 22, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 6685 directs the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to provide an annual grant to programs that offer iron working training to members of federally recognized Indian tribes. Training programs receiving funding under this legislation must: 1) provide specialized training in iron working skills to adult members of federally recognized Indian tribes; 2) provide classroom and on-the-job training; and 3) facilitate job placement for participants upon successful completion of the requirements of the program.

For a program to be eligible for funding under H.R. 6685, a program must have proven experience in providing successful iron working training programs to Native American populations and have the facilities necessary to carry out such a program with a grant provided through this bill.

BACKGROUND

The National Ironworkers Training Program for American Indians provides an eleven-week iron working training program to Native Americans. After completion of training, program participants are provided with direct entry into a Union Ironworker Apprenticeship Program, as well as insurance and pension.

Applicants to the program must be a member of a Federally recognized tribe and at least 18 years old. Applicants must possess either a high school degree or a General Equivalency Development and be able to begin working within six months.

[The National Ironworkers Training Program for American Indians website](#)

COST

The Congressional Budget Office did not have a cost estimate available for H.R. 6685 as of September 17, 2008.

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