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H. R. 1836

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2013

Mrs. NOEM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect our Native
5 Women Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY DOMESTIC**
2 **VIOLENCE TRIBAL LIAISONS.**

3 Section 13(b) of the Indian Law Enforcement Re-
4 form Act (25 U.S.C. 2810(b)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-
6 graph (10); and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(9) Serving as domestic violence tribal liaison
10 by doing the following:

11 “(A) Encouraging and assisting in arrests
12 and Federal prosecution for crimes, including
13 misdemeanor crimes, of domestic violence, dat-
14 ing violence, sexual assault, and stalking that
15 occur in Indian country.

16 “(B) Conducting training sessions for law
17 enforcement officers and other individuals and
18 entities responsible for responding to crimes in
19 Indian country to ensure that such officers, in-
20 dividuals, and entities—

21 “(i) understand their arrest authority
22 over offenders; and

23 “(ii) are prepared to respond to vic-
24 tims of such crimes.

1 “(C) Developing multidisciplinary teams to
2 combat domestic and sexual violence offenses
3 against Indians.

4 “(D) Consulting and coordinating with
5 tribal justice officials and victims’ advocates to
6 address any backlog in the prosecution of
7 crimes, including misdemeanor crimes, of do-
8 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,
9 and stalking that occur in Indian country.

10 “(E) Developing working relationships and
11 maintaining communication with tribal leaders,
12 tribal community and victims’ advocates, and
13 tribal justice officials to gather information
14 from, and share appropriate information with,
15 tribal justice officials.”.

16 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL ATTORNEYS.**

17 Section 543(a) of title 28, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking “, including” and all that fol-
20 lows through “Indian country”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following: “The
22 Attorney General shall appoint qualified tribal pros-
23 ecutors and other qualified attorneys to assist in
24 prosecuting Federal offenses committed in the In-
25 dian country of no fewer than 10 federally recog-

1 nized tribes, with a preference given to those tribes
2 with the highest rates of domestic violence and sex-
3 ual assault, compared to other federally recognized
4 tribes.”.

5 **SEC. 4. GAO STUDY.**

6 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
7 submit to the Congress a report on—

8 (1) the prevalence of domestic violence and sex-
9 ual assault in Indian Country;

10 (2) the efforts of Federal law enforcement
11 agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
12 tion and Bureau of Indian Affairs, to investigate
13 these crimes; and

14 (3) Federal initiatives, such as grants, training,
15 and technical assistance, to help address and prevent
16 such violence.

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