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S. 2577

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2025

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. RISCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CRAPO, and Ms. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “McCarran-Walter
5 Technical Corrections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEMBERS OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN**
2 **TRIBE IN THE UNITED STATES OR A FIRST**
3 **NATION IN CANADA.**

4 Section 289 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
5 (8 U.S.C. 1359) is amended by striking “who possess at
6 least 50 per centum of blood of the American Indian
7 race.” and inserting the following: “who—

8 “(1) are members, or are eligible to become
9 members, of a federally recognized Indian Tribe in
10 the United States; or

11 “(2)(A) has Indian status in Canada through
12 registration under the Indian Act (R.S.C., 1985, c.
13 I-5); or

14 “(B) holds membership in a self-governing
15 First Nation in Canada.”.

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