

I voted Yes on H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection.

H.R. 1162 would provide the Quileute American Indian Tribe with certain parts of Olympia National Park in Washington State, in exchange for the tribe providing other lands to the Interior Department. The tribe would not be allowed to construct a casino or gaming establishments on the lands.

This legislation is necessary because all of the tribe's land is now located on a coastal flood plain within a tsunami zone. In addition to tsunami concerns, rainfall in the region causes major flooding in the area. The tribe is seeking additional land to move residents and infrastructure like schools and medical facilities out of the tsunami and flood zones. This bill would facilitate the tribe's move to new lands on higher ground, easing safety concerns. The Congressional Budget Office found that the bill would have no impact on the federal budget.

The bill was approved by a vote of 381 – 7.