



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

May 22, 2007

S.J. Res. 4

A joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on May 10, 2007

S.J. Res. 4 would declare that the United States, acting through the Congress, recognizes and acknowledges the history of Native Peoples in the United States and would apologize to Native Peoples on behalf of the United States. The resolution also would apologize for instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect that were inflicted upon Native Peoples by U.S. citizens. Nothing in the resolution would authorize or support any legal claim against the federal government, nor would it serve as a settlement of any pending claim against the federal government. CBO estimates that enacting S.J. Res. 4 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

S.J. Res. 4 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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