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[H.R. 533, To revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that Tribe](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Monday, June 1, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 533](#), *a bill to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that Tribe*, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 533 was introduced on January 26, 2015, by Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) and was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, which ordered the bill reported by unanimous consent on March 25, 2015.

SUMMARY

H.R. 533 grants the request of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to revoke its charter of incorporation.

BACKGROUND

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally-recognized tribe organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936. The tribe's corporate charter was ratified on June 1, 1940, allowing it to "create a federally chartered corporation with the power 'to purchase, take by gift, or bequest, or otherwise, own, hold, manage, operate, and dispose of property of every description, real and personal, including the power to purchase restricted Indian lands and to issue in exchange for therefore interests in corporate property and such further powers as may be incidental to the conduct of corporate business.'"¹ The tribe has requested to revoke the charter because it believes it is outdated with regard to its business activities.² The Tribe's corporate charter may be revoked only by an Act of Congress.

The House passed an identical bill ([H.R. 4002](#)) by voice vote on June 23, 2014. The Senate did not act on that measure during the 113th Congress.

¹ [House Report 114-077](#) at 1 and 2.

² *Id.* at 2.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that enacting H.R. 533 would have no effect on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 533 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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