



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Speaks in Support of the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* I thank the gentleman from Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015. Minnesota is a proud home to seven Ojibwe reservations and four Dakota communities. We have a strong and deep Native American history and are proud of the work we have accomplished through centuries of working together. The federal government has long recognized that Native American tribes have the capacity and ability to govern themselves in an efficient and meaningful manner that is consistent with their heritage. The legislation being discussed today is of grave importance to the communities that have contributed so much to our nation's history. The intent of the National Labor Rights Act passed in 1935 was never to include tribal governments within its jurisdiction. It is unfortunate that some are seeking to take advantage of a once well-intended law, but it is now up to Congress to do the right thing and expressly clarify that tribal governments are exempt from the National Labor Relations Act. I yield back. Note: This appears to be a congressional floor speech rather than a TV/radio interview transcript.

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