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HR 1363

Backcountry Landing Strip Access Act

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	$R \cdot PA$		Apr 25, 2001	
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2001
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 17, 2001
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 17, 2001
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 681	Identical bill	Apr 3, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3345-3346)

Summary (as of Apr 3, 2001)

Backcountry Landing Strip Access Act - Prohibits either the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture from taking any action which would permanently close or render or declare as unserviceable any aircraft landing strip located on Federal land under the respective jurisdiction, unless: (1) the head of the aviation department of each State in which the aircraft landing strip is located has approved such action; (2) notice of the proposed action has been published in the Federal Register; (3) a 90-day public comment period on the action has been provided; and (4) any comments received during the comment period have been taken into consideration by the Secretaries, as the case may be, and the appropriate State aviation department heads.

Directs the Secretaries to: (1) adopt a nationwide policy for governing backcountry aviation issues related to the management of Federal land under their jurisdiction; and (2) require regional managers to adhere to it. Declares that a policy affecting air access to an aircraft landing strip located on Federal land (including any national policy required under this Act) shall not take effect unless certain conditions are met, including its statement that the FAA has the sole authority to control aviation and airspace over the United States.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 23, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- Apr 17, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- Apr 17, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- Apr 17, 2001: Executive Comment Requested from USDA, Interior.
- Apr 4, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- Apr 3, 2001: Introduced in House
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- Apr 3, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E513)
- Apr 3, 2001: Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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