

## S 2473

Recreational Fee Authority Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** May 8, 2002

**Current Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 107-825.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 107-825. (Jun 19, 2002)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 19, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Recreational Fee Authority Act of 2002 - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to establish and collect fees for: (1) admission to a unit, area, or site administered by the National Park Service (NPS); and (2) the use of NPS administered areas, lands, sites, facilities, and services. Sets forth considerations for establishment of fair and equitable fees, including the Government's costs and revenues and the cumulative effect of fees charged to the public.

Authorizes the Secretary to: (1) enter into agreements that provide for reasonable commissions or reimbursements with public or private entities to provide visitor reservation services and fee collection and/or processing services; (2) use NPS volunteers to collect fees; (3) modify the National Park Passport; (4) enter into revenue sharing agreements with State agencies to accept their annual passes for NPS units within the State and convey the same privileges, terms, and conditions as offered under the National Park Passport; and (5) enter into agreements with other Federal agencies and/or tribal governments to establish and collect fees at areas, sites, or projects located on other areas under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, the Secretary of Agriculture, and/or the tribal government.

Requires: (1) fees collected by NPS to be deposited into a special Treasury account; (2) at least 80 percent of the fees collected at an area, site, or project to remain available for use at that area, site, or project (with specified exceptions); (3) at least 50 percent of the fees collected as a result of the sale of the National Park Passport to remain available for use at the area where they were collected; and (4) not more than 15 percent of the derived revenues to be used to administer the recreation fee program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 19, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 107-825.
- **May 8, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 8, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4066-4067)
- **May 8, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4067-4068)