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# S 2528

National Drought Preparedness Act of 2002

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Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Sep 5, 2002
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#### **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 16, 2002

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

**Policy Area:** 

**Emergency Management** 

### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

**Summary** (as of May 16, 2002)

National Drought Preparedness Act of 2002 - Establishes the National Drought Council which shall: (1) develop a national drought policy action plan; (2) evaluate Federal drought-related programs; (3) coordinate and prioritize enhancement of the national drought monitoring network; and (4) provide for the development of a drought information delivery system, drought planning models, and drought preparedness plans.

Terminates the Council eight years after enactment of this Act.

Requires the Director of the National Drought Council to establish the National Office of Drought Preparedness.

Establishes within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) the Drought Assistance Fund, which shall be used to: (1) assist State, local, tribal, and critical service entities with drought-related activities; and (2) expand the technology transfer of drought and water conservation strategies.

Requires: (1) the Director to publish guidelines for administering a national technical and financial drought assistance program; and (2) the Director, the Secretaries of Agriculture, the Interior, and the Army, and other appropriate Federal agency heads to implement integrated drought preparedness plans.

Authorizes States, Indian tribes, local governments, and regional, water providers to develop and implement drought preparedness plans.

Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the Director of FEMA to reimburse States for qualifying costs incurred in prepositioning wildfire suppression resources.

## **Actions Timeline**

- May 16, 2002: Introduced in Senate
- May 16, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4497-4498)
- May 16, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4498-4501)