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S 295

Small Business and Farm Energy Emergency Relief Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce Introduced: Feb 8, 2001

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. (May 17, 2001)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (34 total)

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	$D\cdotMT$		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	$R \cdot RI$		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	$R \cdot NM$		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]	D · NC		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [R-VT]	$R \cdot VT$		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Smith, Bob [R-NH]	R · NH		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 8, 2001
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 13, 2001
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		Feb 13, 2001
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 13, 2001
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 13, 2001
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 13, 2001
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 15, 2001
Sen. Torricelli, Robert G. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 15, 2001
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 26, 2001
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 28, 2001
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 28, 2001
Sen. Cleland, Max [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 1, 2001
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	$R \cdot WY$		Mar 6, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 17, 2001
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 21, 2001
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 27, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags Policy Area: Commerce Related Bills

Summary (as of Mar 26, 2001)

No related bills are listed.

Small Business and Farm Energy Emergency Relief Act of 2001 - Amends the Small Business Act to authorize the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make disaster loans to assist small businesses that have suffered or are likely to suffer substantial economic injury as the result of a sharp and significant increase in the price of heating fuel or electricity. Prohibits any such loan from being made if the total amount outstanding and committed to the borrower would exceed \$1.5 million, unless the applicant is a major source of employment in its surrounding area. Requires, for such assistance: (1) a declaration of a disaster by the President or the SBA Administrator; or (2) a certification from the governor of the State that its small businesses have suffered such economic injury and are in need of assistance which is not otherwise available.

Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to farm operations that qualify as a small business and have or are likely to suffer substantial economic injury from a sharp and significant increase in energy costs or input costs from energy sources occurring on or after June 1, 2000, in connection with an energy emergency declared by the President or the Secretary.

Requires the SBA Administrator and the Secretary to report to specified congressional committees on the effectiveness of such loan programs.

Actions Timeline

- May 17, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.
- Mar 27, 2001: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Mar 27, 2001: Received in the House.
- Mar 27, 2001: Referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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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- Mar 26, 2001: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2909-2913; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S2910)
- Mar 26, 2001: The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Mar 26, 2001: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S2912-2913)
- Mar 26, 2001: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2912-2913)
- Mar 21, 2001: Committee on Small Business. Reported by Senator Bond with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-4.
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- Mar 21, 2001: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 21.
- Feb 28, 2001: Committee on Small Business. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Feb 8, 2001: Introduced in Senate
- Feb 8, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1225-1227)
- Feb 8, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1227)