

HR 3160

Bioterrorism Prevention Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Oct 23, 2001

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Dec 20, 2001)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]

Party: Republican • State: LA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-16]	D · MI		Oct 23, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 23, 2001
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 23, 2001
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 21, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 23, 2001)

Bioterrorism Prevention Act of 2001 - Amends the Federal criminal code to set penalties for: (1) possessing a "select agent" (as listed pursuant to the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996) in a manner constituting reckless disregard for the public health and safety, knowing the agent to be a biological agent or toxin; (2) causing bodily injury in the course of a violation; (3) possessing such agents without registration; (4) transferring such agents to an unregistered person; and (5) "restricted persons" possessing select agents.

Directs the Secretary to provide standards and procedures governing the possession and use of biological agents.

Prohibits certain disclosures under the Freedom of Information Act regarding biological agents..

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Oct 24, 2001:** Received in the Senate.
- **Oct 23, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Oct 23, 2001:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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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- **Oct 23, 2001:** Mr. Tauzin moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 23, 2001:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7139-7143)
- **Oct 23, 2001:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3160.
- **Oct 23, 2001:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 23, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 23, 2001:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7157-7158)
- **Oct 23, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 0 (Roll no. 396).(text of measure as passed House: CR H7139-7140)
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- **Oct 23, 2001:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.