

HR 5017

To amend the Temporary Emergency Wildfire Suppression Act to facilitate the ability of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into reciprocal agreements with foreign countries for the sharing of personnel to fight wildfires.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 26, 2002
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 26, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 8, 2002
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 3, 2002
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 9, 2002)

Amends the Temporary Emergency Wildfire Suppression Act, as amended by the Wildfire Suppression Assistance Act, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, as part of any reciprocal agreement with a foreign country for sharing personnel to fight wildfires, to include a provision that personnel furnished under the agreement to provide wildfire presuppression or suppression services will be considered, for tort liability purposes, employees of the country receiving such services when the personnel provide them under the agreement.

Prohibits the Secretaries from entering into any such agreement unless the foreign country (either directly or through the fire organization that is a party to the agreement) agrees to assume any and all liability for the acts or omissions of American firefighters engaged in providing such services under the agreement in the foreign country. Makes remedies provided under the laws of the host country the exclusive remedies for acts or omissions committed while providing services under the agreement.

Declares that neither the firefighter, the sending country, nor any organization associated with the firefighter shall be subject to any action whatsoever pertaining to or arising out of providing wildfire presuppression or suppression services under such a reciprocal agreement.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 15, 2002:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 495.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4375-4378)
- **Jul 9, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5017.
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4375)
- **Jul 9, 2002:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4375)
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 8, 2002:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 3, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Jul 3, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Jun 28, 2002:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 27, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Resources, International Relations, and 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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