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#### S 1157

National Museum of African American History and Culture Act

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Policy Area: Arts, Culture, Religion

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provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Jun 24, 2003)

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#### **Sponsor**

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Party: Republican • State: KS • Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		May 23, 2003	
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Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]	R · CO		May 23, 2003	
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Sen. Graham, Bob [D-FL]	D · FL		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	$R \cdot SC$		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	$R \cdot IA$		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]	D · SC		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	$D \cdot VT$		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	$D \cdot CT$		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	$R \cdot MS$		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		May 23, 2003	
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		May 23, 2003	

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Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	$D \cdot NY$		May 23, 2003
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	$R \cdot OR$		May 23, 2003
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	$D\cdotMI$		May 23, 2003
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	$R \cdot AK$		May 23, 2003
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	$R \cdot GA$		Jun 3, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 3, 2003
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	$D\cdotMD$		Jun 3, 2003
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$		Jun 3, 2003
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	$R \cdot KY$		Jun 4, 2003
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	$R \cdot NV$		Jun 5, 2003
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	$R \cdot AK$		Jun 5, 2003
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	$R \cdot PA$		Jun 5, 2003
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Jun 5, 2003
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	$R \cdot TN$		Nov 24, 2003

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 24, 2003
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 23, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 24, 2003

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

Arts, Culture, Religion

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3491	Related bill	Dec 16, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-184.
108 HR 2205	Related bill	May 23, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

# (This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

National Museum of African American History and Culture Act - (Sec. 4) Establishes within the Smithsonian Institution (SI) the National Museum of African American History and Culture, to be operated as a center for scholarship and a location for museum training, public education, exhibits, and collection and study of items and materials relating to the life, art, history, and culture of African Americans that encompass the period of slavery, the era of reconstruction, the Harlem renaissance, the civil rights movement, and other periods of the African American diaspora.

(Sec. 5) Establishes the National Museum of African American History and Culture Council to: (1) advise and assist the SI Board of Regents on Museum planning, design, construction, operation, and budgets; and (2) have responsibility and authority with respect to the Museum's collections and work, subject to the Board of Regents' general policies.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Secretary of SI to appoint a Director to manage the Museum.

(Sec. 7) Establishes the Office of Education and Liaison Programs within the Museum to work with educational institutions and museums throughout the Nation. Requires the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services to establish specified grant, scholarship, internship, and fellowship programs relating to African American museums.

(Sec. 8) Directs the Board of Regents to select the Museum's site from one of four specified sites on or adjacent to the national mall. Requires the Board of Regents to pay costs of planning, design, and construction of the Museum on the chosen site as follows: 50 percent from Federal funds and 50 percent from non-Federal sources.

(Sec. 9) Provides for Congressional Budget Act compliance by declaring that authority under this Act to enter into contracts or to make payments shall be effective in any fiscal year only to the extent provided in advance in an appropriations Act, except that mounts made available under section 11 of this Act shall remain available until expended.

(Sec. 10) Directs the Council and the Board of Regents, in carrying out their duties under this Act, to consider the reports and plans submitted by the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission under the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-106).

(Sec. 11) Authorizes appropriations in a specified amount for FY 2004, and in necessary amounts for subsequent fiscal years.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Jun 24, 2003: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Jun 24, 2003: Received in the House.
- Jun 24, 2003: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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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- Jun 23, 2003: Senate Committee on Rules and Administration discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8378-8380)
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- Jun 23, 2003: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8378-8380; text of measure as passed Senate: CR S8378-8380)
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- May 23, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- May 23, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7155-7156)
- May 23, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7156-1158)