

S 1271

Enhanced Protection of Our Cultural Heritage Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 17, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 17, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Arts, Culture, Religion

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 4527	Related bill	Jun 28, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Jun 17, 2003)

Enhanced Protection of Our Cultural Heritage Act of 2003 - Amends the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 to increase penalties for violating, or counseling, procuring, soliciting, or employing another to violate prohibitions regarding: (1) unauthorized excavation, removal, damage, alteration, or defacement of archaeological resources; (2) trafficking in archaeological resources the excavation or removal of which was wrongful under Federal law; and (3) trafficking in interstate or foreign commerce in archaeological resources the excavation, removal, sale, purchase, exchange, transportation, or receipt of which was wrongful under State or local law.

Amends the Federal criminal code to increase penalties for: (1) embezzlement and theft from Indian tribal organizations; and (2) illegal trafficking in Native American human remains and cultural items.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 17, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 17, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7981-7982)
- **Jun 17, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7982)