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Seniors Safety Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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

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Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 18, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 18, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Seniors Safety Act of 2003 - Directs the United States Sentencing Commission to review and, if appropriate, amend Federal sentencing guidelines: (1) to include the age of a crime victim as an enhancement factor; and (2) with respect to health care benefit program fraud.

Amends the Federal criminal code to: (1) provide increased penalties for fraud which results in serious injury or death; and (2) set penalties for fraud in relation to retirement arrangements.

Directs the Federal Trade Commission to establish procedures regarding telemarketing fraud, including referrals of complaints for potential law enforcement action. Provides for the blocking or termination of telephone service associated with telemarketing fraud.

Includes within Federal injunctive authority against fraudulent actions certain offenses under the Social Security Act relating to false claims and illegal kickback schemes involving Federal health care programs. Amends the Social Security Act to: (1) authorize the Attorney General to bring an action to enforce such authority; and (2) extend certain anti-fraud safeguards to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

Nursing Home Resident Protection Act of 2002 - Provides civil penalties for violations that affect the health, safety, or care of individuals in a residential health care facility and result in significant harm.

Amends the Controlled Substances Act to state that a defendant may not use property subject to criminal forfeiture to satisfy a restitution order, with an exception.

Prohibits: (1) the use of bankruptcy proceedings to shield illegal gains from false claims brought against the Government; and (2) the debt arising from such illegal gains from being discharged in bankruptcy proceedings.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8667)
- **Jun 18, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 18, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8153-8154)
- **Jun 18, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8154-8159)