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National Death Penalty Moratorium Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jan 9, 2003

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5510)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5510) (May 17, 2004)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/132>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 29, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 9, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 9, 2003)

National Death Penalty Moratorium Act of 2003 - Prohibits the Federal Government from carrying out the death penalty until Congress considers the final findings and recommendations of the National Commission on the Death Penalty, enacts legislation repealing this provision, and implements or rejects the guidelines and procedures recommended by the Commission. Expresses the sense of Congress that States should enact a moratorium on executions to allow time to review whether their administration of the death penalty is consistent with constitutional requirements of fairness, justice, equality, and due process.

Establishes the National Commission on the Death Penalty to: (1) determine whether administration of the death penalty comports with such constitutional requirements; and (2) establish guidelines and procedures which ensure that death penalty cases are administered fairly and impartially in accordance with due process, minimize the risk that innocent persons may be executed, and ensure that the death penalty is not administered in a racially discriminatory manner.

Actions Timeline

- **May 17, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5510)
- **Jan 9, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 9, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S160-161)
- **Jan 9, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S161-164)

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