

HR 135

Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: Jan 7, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Dec 9, 2003)

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Party: Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7] | R · VA | | Jun 24, 2003 |
| Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6] | R · VA | | Jun 24, 2003 |
| Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18] | D · CA | | Jul 10, 2003 |
| Rep. Burns, Max [R-GA-12] | R · GA | | Jul 16, 2003 |
| Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7] | D · AZ | | Jul 16, 2003 |
| Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23] | D · FL | | Jul 18, 2003 |
| Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32] | R · TX | | Jul 25, 2003 |
| Rep. Ballenger, Cass [R-NC-10] | R · NC | | Sep 4, 2003 |
| Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1] | R · GA | | Oct 1, 2003 |
| Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42] | R · CA | | Oct 2, 2003 |
| Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9] | R · GA | | Oct 7, 2003 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate | Referred To | Dec 9, 2003 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Reported by | Apr 3, 2003 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Hearings By (subcommittee) | May 7, 2003 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 21, 2003)

Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003 - Establishes the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to: (1) use existing water assessments and conduct additional assessments necessary to project future water supply and demand; (2) study Federal, interstate, State, and local agency and private entity water management programs directed at increasing water supplies and improving the availability, reliability, and quality of freshwater resources; and (3) consult with representatives of such agencies and entities to develop recommendations consistent with laws, treaties, decrees, and interstate compacts for a comprehensive water strategy that respects the primary role of States in regulating water rights and uses, identifies incentives for ensuring an adequate and dependable supply of water to meet U.S. needs for the next 50 years, considers all available technologies for increasing water supply reliability while safeguarding the environment, suggests financing options, and suggests strategies to conserve existing water supplies.

Provides for the appointment of Commission members by the President and congressional leaders.

Requires the Commission to hold no fewer than ten hearings and to transmit interim reports and a final report to the President and specified congressional committees. Requires the Commission to terminate no later than 30 days after it transmits its final report.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Nov 21, 2003:** Mr. Calvert moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 21, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H12121-12125)
- **Nov 21, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 135.
- **Nov 21, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H12121-12122)
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- **Nov 21, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 21, 2003:** Received in the Senate.
- **Oct 31, 2003:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Oct 31, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 197.
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- **Oct 8, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 108-309, Part I.
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- **Oct 8, 2003:** House Committee on Transportation Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 31, 2003.
- **Sep 24, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 24, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 7, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 3, 2003:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 3, 2003:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 1, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 12, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Feb 12, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Jan 8, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Jan 7, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E12)
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Resources, 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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