

S 143

A bill to increase the role of the Secretary of Transportation in administering section 901 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, and for other purposes.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Jan 13, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jan 13, 2003)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 13, 2003)

Amends the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to grant to the Secretary of Transportation the sole responsibility for designating a program as subject to the requirement that at least 50 percent of Government-generated cargoes be shipped on privately owned U.S.-flag commercial vessels to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates. Declares that requirements that specified percentages of gross tonnage of equipment, materials, or agricultural commodities furnished or financed by the United States be transported on U.S.-flag commercial vessels shall be applicable for the 12-month period commencing April 1 of each year before 2003, the 18-month period commencing on April 1, 2003, and the 12-month period commencing on October 1 (fiscal year) of each year after 2004. Repeals certain additional gross tonnage requirements with respect to U.S.-flag commercial vessels.

Actions Timeline

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