

HR 1516

National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]

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

Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hoeffel, Joseph M. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Mar 31, 2003
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Greenwood, James C. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Murtha, John P. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Sherwood, Don [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Toomey, Patrick J. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jul 10, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 25, 2003
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1077	Related bill	May 19, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6628)
108 HR 197	Related bill	Feb 20, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

Summary (as of Nov 11, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on October 14, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, within four years after the enactment of this Act, to establish six new cemeteries, one each to be located in the following areas: (1) Southeastern Pennsylvania (the city of Philadelphia and specified neighboring counties); (2) Birmingham, Alabama; (3) Jacksonville, Florida; (4) Bakersfield, California; (5) Greenville/Columbia, South Carolina; and (6) Sarasota County, Florida.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) solicit the advice and views of State and local veterans organizations representatives in determining specific cemetery sites; (2) submit an initial report to Congress on the establishment of such cemeteries; and (3) submit annual implementation reports until all six cemeteries are completed and have opened.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 11, 2003:** Signed by President.
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- **Nov 11, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-109.
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- **Oct 30, 2003:** Presented to President.
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- **Oct 29, 2003:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1516.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 0 (Roll no. 577).(consideration: CR H10054-10058, H10080-10081)
- **Oct 29, 2003:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 0 (Roll no. 577). (consideration: CR H10054-10058, H10080-10081)
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 20, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 17, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S12853; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S12853; text as passed Senate: CR S12853)
- **Oct 17, 2003:** Passed Senate with amendments and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S12853; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S12853; text as passed Senate: CR S12853)
- **Oct 14, 2003:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter with amendments and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 108-164.
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- **Oct 14, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 307.
- **Sep 30, 2003:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 22, 2003:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 21, 2003:** Mr. Simmons moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 21, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7189-7192)
- **Jul 21, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1516.
- **Jul 21, 2003:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 21, 2003:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7196)
- **Jul 21, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 0 (Roll no. 399).(text: CR H7189-7190)
- **Jul 21, 2003:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 0 (Roll no. 399). (text: CR H7189-7190)
- **Jul 21, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 21, 2003:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 10, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108-199.
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- **Jul 10, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 103.
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 11, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Apr 24, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

- **Mar 31, 2003:** Introduced in House
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