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# HR 155

Shrimp Importation Financing Fairness Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Jan 7, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology. **Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology.

(Feb 27, 2003)

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### **Sponsor**

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Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: House

# Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jan 7, 2003
Rep. Baker, Richard H. [R-LA-6]	R·LA		Feb 7, 2003
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Feb 27, 2003

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2003
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2003

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

International Affairs

### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

#### Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Shrimp Importation Financing Fairness Act - Prohibits the Secretary of Commerce from imposing any new restrictive regulations on the domestic shrimping industry within the area that is under the jurisdiction of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

Prohibits the Overseas Private Investment Corporation from issuing any contract of insurance or reinsurance or any guaranty, or from entering into any agreement to provide financing for a project undertaken or to be undertaken in a country which exported more than 20 million pounds (excessive amounts) of shrimp to the United States in the first six months of 2002, until three months after it has reduced its shrimp exports to less than three million pounds per month for three consecutive months.

Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the U.S. Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to oppose providing assistance to any foreign country that exported excessive amounts of shrimp to the United States in the first six months of 2002, until it fulfills the requirements of this Act.

Authorizes the Secretary to reduce the amount of U.S. contributions to the Fund according to a specified formula if, during the first such three-month period, the Fund provides assistance to any such country.

Prohibits the Export-Import Bank of the United States from providing assistance to any country that exported excessive amounts of shrimp to the United States in the first six months of 2002, until it fulfills the requirements of this Act.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Feb 27, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology.
- Feb 12, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- Feb 12, 2003: Executive Comment Requested from Commerce.
- Jan 7, 2003: Introduced in House
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- Jan 7, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E4)
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