

## HR 163

Universal National Service Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2003

**Current Status:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 2 - 40

**Latest Action:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 2 - 402 (Roll no. 494). (text: CR H8117-8118) (Oct 5, 2004)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/163>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jan 7, 2003
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jan 7, 2003
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jan 7, 2003
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jan 7, 2003
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jan 7, 2003
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 28, 2003
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Jan 28, 2003
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jan 28, 2003
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jan 28, 2003
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jan 28, 2003
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jan 28, 2003
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jan 28, 2003
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2003
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		May 19, 2004
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jul 21, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 89	Identical bill	<b>Jan 7, 2003:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

## Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Universal National Service Act of 2003 - Declares that it is the obligation of every U.S. citizen, and every other person residing in the United States, between the ages of 18 and 26 to perform a two-year period of national service, unless exempted, either as a member of an active or reserve component of the armed forces or in a civilian capacity that promotes national defense. Requires induction into national service by the President. Sets forth provisions governing: (1) induction deferments, postponements, and exemptions, including exemption of a conscientious objector from military service that includes combatant training; and (2) discharge following national service.

Amends the Military Selective Service Act to authorize the military registration of females.

## Actions Timeline

- **Oct 5, 2004:** Mr. McHugh moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8117-8130)
- **Oct 5, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 163.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 2 - 402 (Roll no. 494).(text: CR H8117-8118)
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- **Feb 3, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
- **Feb 3, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Total Force.
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Jan 7, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.