

HR 1703

Justice for United States Prisoners of War Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 9, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2003
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1864	Identical bill	Jun 12, 2003: Re-referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census.

Justice for United States Prisoners of War Act of 2003 - Requires any Federal court in which an action is brought against a Japanese national by a member of the U.S. armed forces seeking compensation for mistreatment or failure to pay wages in connection with labor performed in Japan for such national as a prisoner of war during World War II to: (1) apply the applicable statute of limitations of the State in which the action is pending; and (2) not construe a specified provision of the Treaty of Peace With Japan as a waiver by the United States of such claims.

States that it is U.S. policy to ensure that any war claims settlement terms between Japan and any other country that are more beneficial than terms extended to the United States under the above Treaty are extended to the United States with respect to claims under this Act.

Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to secure information relating to chemical or biological tests conducted by Japan on members of the U.S. armed forces held as prisoners of war during World War II.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census.
- **May 5, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
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