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Continuity of the Senate Act of 2004

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
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Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8771) (Jul 22, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	$D \cdot CT$		Jan 27, 2004
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	$R \cdot MS$		Jan 27, 2004
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	$R \cdot GA$		Apr 26, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 27, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 27, 2004)

Continuity of the Senate Act of 2004 - Provides that if the Senate ascertains that a quorum of the Senate is not present, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, or their designees, may jointly determine that such absence of a quorum is caused by the inability of the members of the Senate to discharge the powers and duties of the office during a time of national crisis.

Authorizes the legislature of each State to enact laws declaring who shall serve in the place of such members.

Actions Timeline • Jul 22, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8771)
• Jan 27, 2004: Introduced in Senate
• Jan 27, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.