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## S 2236

Electric Reliability Act of 2004 Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

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### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

Party: Democratic • State: WA • Chamber: Senate

# $\pmb{Cosponsors} \ \ (\textbf{30 total})$

| Cosponsor                            | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]           | $D\cdotNM$    |      | Mar 25, 2004 |
| Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]  | $D \cdot NY$  |      | Mar 26, 2004 |
| Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]       | D·SD          |      | Mar 26, 2004 |
| Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]       | I · VT        |      | Mar 26, 2004 |
| Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]              | D · NV        |      | Mar 26, 2004 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]      | D · NY        |      | Mar 26, 2004 |
| Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]         | D · HI        |      | Mar 29, 2004 |
| Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]     | D · NJ        |      | Mar 29, 2004 |
| Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]     | D · WI        |      | Mar 30, 2004 |
| Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]        | D · HI        |      | Mar 30, 2004 |
| Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]     | D · CT        |      | Mar 30, 2004 |
| Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]     | D · CT        |      | Apr 5, 2004  |
| Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]             | D·SD          |      | Apr 5, 2004  |
| Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]       | D · MA        |      | Apr 5, 2004  |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]        | $D\cdotVT$    |      | Apr 5, 2004  |
| Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]              | D · MI        |      | Apr 5, 2004  |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]            | D · WA        |      | Apr 5, 2004  |
| Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]        | $R \cdot ME$  |      | Apr 7, 2004  |
| Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]          | D · WV        |      | Apr 8, 2004  |
| Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV] | D · WV        |      | Apr 8, 2004  |
| Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]             | D · MN        |      | Apr 19, 2004 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]        | D · CA        |      | Apr 19, 2004 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]               | D · OR        |      | Apr 19, 2004 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]         | $D\cdotMI$    |      | Apr 21, 2004 |
| Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]          | D · NJ        |      | Apr 26, 2004 |
| Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]     | $D\cdotMD$    |      | Apr 26, 2004 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]               | D · RI        |      | Apr 26, 2004 |
| Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]          | $R \cdot RI$  |      | Apr 28, 2004 |
| Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]             | $R \cdot AZ$  |      | Jun 3, 2004  |
| Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]        | D · MD        |      | Jun 16, 2004 |

# **Committee Activity**

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

**Policy Area:** 

Energy

## **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

Electric Reliability Act of 2004 - Amends the Federal Power Act to extend Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) jurisdiction for purposes of approving reliability standards and enforcing compliance with this Act over a FERC-certified electric reliability organization (ERO), a regional entity, and users, owners, and operators of a bulk-power system.

Prescribes procedural guidelines for: (1) certification as an ERO; (2) filing of reliability standards; and (3) imposition of penalties by either an ERO or FERC for noncompliance with this Act.

Requires an ERO to file with FERC for approval of any proposed rule or rule change.

Urges the President to negotiate international agreements with the governments of Canada and Mexico to provide for effective compliance with reliability standards and the efficacy of the ERO in the United States, Canada or Mexico.

Requires an ERO to assess periodically the reliability and adequacy of the interconnected bulk-power system in North America.

Directs FERC to establish a regional advisory body upon the petition of at least two-thirds of the States within a region that have more than half of their electric loads served within the region.

Declares this Act inapplicable to Alaska or Hawaii.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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