

HR 2304

To resolve boundary conflicts in the vicinity of the Mark Twain National Forest in Barry and Stone Counties, Missouri, that resulted from private landowner reliance on a subsequent Federal survey, and for other purposes.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jun 3, 2003

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Nov 18, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 29, 2003
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 18, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 4, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1167	Related bill	Jul 22, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-279.

Establishes procedures for resolving the status of Federal land in Barry and Stone County, Missouri, claimed by private property owners based on land surveys subsequent to the Public Land Survey System land surveys upon which the original land patents were issued. Requires claimants to submit notice to the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of Agriculture (as appropriate) within 15 years of enactment of this Act and to establish their qualifications for a remedy.

Authorizes the appropriate Secretary, upon receiving notice from a qualifying claimant, to take any or a combination of the following actions to resolve boundary conflicts: (1) convey and quitclaim all right, title, and interest of the United States in the disputed land; (2) if there are Federal interests in such land, confirm Federal title to it and retain it in Federal management; and (3) compensate the qualifying claimant where title is confirmed and retained pursuant to item (2).

Requires conveyance of land under this Act without consideration, if the appropriate Secretary determines that the boundary conflict was the result of innocent detrimental reliance by the qualifying claimant on a subsequent land survey. Requires the appropriate Secretary to pay costs associated with the resolution of boundary disputes pursuant to this Act and to reimburse qualifying claimants for survey costs necessary to establish a claim.

Establishes rules for the treatment of preexisting conditions, existing reservations, and existing rights and uses.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 18, 2003:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Nov 17, 2003:** Mr. Gutknecht moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11169-11170)
- **Nov 17, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2304.
- **Nov 17, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H11169-11170)
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- **Nov 17, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry Discharged.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 5, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Jun 4, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 3, 2003:** Introduced in House
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