

S 2319

Tapoco Project Licensing Act of 2004

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 27, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 4667	Related bill	Oct 6, 2004: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 455.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on July 7, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Tapoco Project Licensing Act of 2004 - (Sec. 3) Instructs the Secretary of the Interior to engage in a simultaneous land exchange with Alcoa Power Generating Inc. (APGI) upon conveyance by APGI of acceptable title to certain land adjacent to the APGI power line within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, generally depicted on the map as "proposed Property Transfer from APGI to National Park Service."

Identifies the land to be conveyed by the Secretary as approximately 110 acres within the Park: (1) adjacent to or flooded by the Chilhowee Reservoir; and (2) within the boundary of the Tapoco Hydroelectric Project as of February 21, 2003.

Prescribes procedural requirements, including reservation of a conservation easement over any land transferred to APGI that: (1) specifically prohibits development of the land by APGI which is not necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Chilhowee Reservoir; (2) authorizes public access to the easement area, subject to National Park Service regulations; and (3) authorizes the National Park Service to enforce Park regulations on the land and in and on the waters of Chilhowee Reservoir lying on the land.

Requires the deed to require reversion of the title to the United States if the Chilhowee Reservoir ceases to exist, or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issues a final order decommissioning the Tapoco Project from which no further appeal may be taken.

(Sec. 4) Grants FERC jurisdiction to license the Tapoco Project upon completion of the land exchange.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire for the United States any land or interest in land identified as specified easements that may be transferred by APGI to a nongovernmental organization pursuant to a specified Settlement Agreement.

Prescribes implementation requirements for land acquired by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, respectively.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 18, 2004:** Signed by President.
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- **Oct 18, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-343.
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- **Oct 7, 2004:** Presented to President.
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- **Oct 4, 2004:** Mr. Gibbons moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 4, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7954-7955)
- **Oct 4, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2319.
- **Oct 4, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7954)
- **Oct 4, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7954)
- **Oct 4, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 17, 2004:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 17, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 17, 2004:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 15, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9342-9344; text as passed Senate: CR S9342-9344)
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- **Jul 7, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-299.
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- **Jul 7, 2004:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 618.
- **Jun 16, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 27, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-600.
- **Apr 19, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 19, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4097-4099)
- **Apr 19, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.