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A bill concerning participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Jan 29, 2003

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 108-28.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 108-28. (May 29, 2003)

Law: 108-28 (Enacted May 29, 2003)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/243

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]

Party: Republican • State: VA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	$R \cdot RI$		Jan 29, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	$D \cdot SD$		Jan 29, 2003
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	$R \cdot MO$		Mar 21, 2003
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	$D \cdot IL$		Mar 26, 2003
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	$D \cdot WV$		Apr 9, 2003
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$		Apr 9, 2003
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Apr 29, 2003
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	$R \cdot ID$		Apr 30, 2003
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 30, 2004
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 30, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Discharged From	May 14, 2003
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 9, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3793	Related bill	Feb 10, 2004: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.
108 HR 441	Related bill	Mar 12, 2003: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of May 29, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced on January 29, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Authorizes the Secretary of State to: (1) initiate a U.S. plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual week-long summit of the World Health Assembly (of the World Health Organization) in May 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland; and (2) instruct the U.S. delegation to Geneva to implement such plan.

Actions Timeline

- May 29, 2003: Signed by President.
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- May 29, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-28.
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- May 21, 2003: Presented to President.
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- May 14, 2003: Mr. Rohrabacher asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- May 14, 2003: Committee on International Relations discharged.
- May 14, 2003: Committee on International Relations discharged.
- May 14, 2003: Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H4092-4093)
- May 14, 2003: Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H4092-4093)
- May 14, 2003: On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H4092-4093)
- May 14, 2003: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- May 5, 2003: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- May 5, 2003: Received in the House.
- May 5, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.
- May 1, 2003: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5689; text as passed Senate: CR S5689)
- May 1, 2003: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5689; text as passed Senate: CR S5689)
- Apr 9, 2003: Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Apr 9, 2003: Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Lugar without amendment. Without written report.
- Apr 9, 2003: Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Lugar without amendment. Without written report.
- Apr 9, 2003: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 61.
- Jan 29, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 29, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.