

S 2543

National Heritage Partnership Act

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jun 17, 2004

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands. (Sep 20, 2004)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 17, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 24, 2004
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 20, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on August 25, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

National Heritage Partnership Act - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a National Heritage Areas program under which the Secretary shall provide technical and financial assistance to local coordinating entities to support the establishment of National Heritage Areas. Describes the Secretary's duties, including conducting studies, providing technical assistance, and submitting annual reports.

(Sec. 4) Specifies the criteria that the Secretary shall apply to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating proposed Areas. States that designation of an Area shall be: (1) by Act of Congress; and (2) contingent on the prior completion of a study and an affirmative determination by the Secretary that the area meets such criteria.

(Sec. 5) Sets forth requirements for Area management plans. Instructs local coordinating entities to submit plans to the Secretary for approval. Prohibits a local coordinating entity from using Federal funds authorized by this Act to implement an amendment until the Secretary approves the amendment.

(Sec. 6) Requires such an entity to submit annual reports to the Secretary for each fiscal year for which the local coordinating committee receives Federal funds under this Act.

Bars local coordinating entities from using Federal funds authorized under this Act to acquire any interest in real property.

(Sec. 7) Specifies this Act's effect with regard to: (1) the provision of technical or financial assistance by other Federal agencies; (2) the management or use of Federal land by other Federal agencies; and (3) specified private property and regulatory protections.

(Sec. 9) Authorizes appropriations.

Terminates the authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance to an individual local coordinating entity (excluding technical assistance and administrative oversight) 15 years after the initial receipt of the assistance by the local coordinating committee.

Limits to five percent the amount of funds that may be used by the Secretary for technical assistance, oversight, and administration.

Requires grant recipients to provide, as a condition of receiving a grant under this Act, matching funds from non-Federal sources equal to the grant amount.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 20, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Sep 17, 2004:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 17, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 17, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- **Sep 15, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9356-9360; text as passed Senate: CR S9356-9360)
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- **Aug 25, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/22/04 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-329.
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- **Aug 25, 2004:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 685.
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 24, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-692.
- **Jun 17, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 17, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 6/18/2004 S7012)
- **Jun 17, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR 6/18/2004 S7012-7014)