

HR 2654

Rigs to Reefs Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jun 26, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (Jul 31, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: LA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 26, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 26, 2003)

Rigs to Reefs Act of 2003 - Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to instruct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations authorizing the use for culture of marine organisms, an artificial reef, or scientific research of any offshore oil and gas platform decommissioned from service for oil and gas purposes.

Denies liability under Federal law of any former owner of an offshore oil and gas platform for costs or damages arising from use of it for culture of marine organisms, an artificial reef, or scientific research, unless such costs or damages arise from: (1) use of the platform by the person for development or production of oil or gas; or (2) another act or omission.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to business-related credits) to establish an income tax credit for costs relating to converting offshore oil and gas platforms for culturing marine organisms.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Jul 31, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Introduced in House
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