

S 2656

Ponce de Leon Discovery of Florida Quincentennial Commission Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Graham, Bob [D-FL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jul 14, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 21, 2004
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 17, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Commemorations

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 5310	Related bill	Oct 11, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1891)

Ponce de Leon Discovery of Florida Quincentennial Commission Act - Establishes the National Commission on the Quincentennial of the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon to plan, encourage, coordinate, and conduct the commemoration of the Quincentennial (500th anniversary) of the discovery of Florida by the Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon.

Sets forth the membership composition of the Commission. Requires the appointment of Commission members not later than 60 days after the enactment of this Act.

Directs the Commission to: (1) plan and develop activities for commemorating the Quincentennial; (2) consult with public and private agencies to organize and participate in Quincentennial activities; and (3) coordinate activities throughout the United States and internationally that relate to the history and influence of the discovery of Florida.

Directs the Commission to submit a comprehensive report to the President, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives not later than one year after the enactment of this Act, that includes specific recommendations for: (1) the allocation of financial and administrative responsibility among entities participating in the commemoration; and (2) the commemoration of the Quincentennial and related events through various publications, programs, and activities. Requires the Commission to submit annual reports on activities, programs, expenditures and donations, and a final report by December 31, 2013.

Enumerates the powers of the Commission, including powers to: (1) prepare and disseminate historical, commemorative, and informational materials and objects to promote awareness of, and interest in, the Quincentennial; (2) create competitions and awards for historical, artistic, and other works relating to the Quincentennial; and (3) establish a central clearinghouse for information relating to the Quincentennial.

Sets forth administrative provisions for the Commission, including the establishment of a principal office in St. Augustine, Florida, and a satellite office in Washington, D.C. Provides for the staffing of the Commission, compensation of Commission employees, procurement authority, and authority to solicit donations.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study for designating an area in the State of Florida as a unit of the National Park System to commemorate the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon, and to submit a report to Congress, with recommendations, on the findings of the study.

Authorizes appropriations.

Terminates the authority provided by this Act on December 31, 2013.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2004:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.
- **Oct 10, 2004:** Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Oct 10, 2004:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S11183-11184)
- **Oct 10, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 10, 2004:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 21, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-739.
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8132)
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8132-8134)