

HR 2707

Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Assessment and Demonstration Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 15, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 29, 2003
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1516	Related bill	May 20, 2004: Held at the desk.

Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Assessment and Demonstration Act - (Sec. 2) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to assess the extent of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive invasion in the western United States. Requires such assessment to include: (1) documentation of the quantity of water lost due to the infestation and of the quantity of water saved due to various control methods, including the portion of saved water that returns to surface water or groundwater supplies and at what rates; (2) determination of the optimum control method for the various land types and land uses and of what conditions indicate the need to remove such growth and the optimal methods for disposal or use of such growth; and (3) the methods to prevent re-growth and re-introduction of these invasive species.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretaries) to prepare and submit to specified congressional committees (the congressional committees) a report containing the results of such assessment and identifying: (1) long-term management and funding strategies that could be implemented by Federal, State, tribal, and private land managers and owners on all land management types to address the invasion of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive; and (2) deficiencies or areas for further study and where actual field demonstrations would be useful in the control effort.

Authorizes the Secretaries to make grants to institutions of higher education or nonprofit organizations (or both) with an established background and expertise in public policy issues associated with the control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive in order to obtain technical experience, support, and recommendations related to the identification of the long-term management and funding strategies required to be included in such report. Limits each grant awarded to \$250,000.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretaries, based on the assessment and report, to initiate a program of at least three demonstration projects in the western States designed to address deficiencies and areas for further study to address the invasion of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive, including the testing of additional control methods identified by such report.

Allows the Secretaries to enter into an agreement with a western State to carry out a project and, if the Secretaries select a demonstration project for implementation in national Forest System lands, makes the Secretary of Agriculture responsible for implementation of such project.

Requires projects to be designed with integrated methods and adaptive management strategies and carried out over time frames and spatial scales large enough to accomplish the goals laid out in the report. Provides that, before being carried out, the methods and strategies proposed for each project shall be subject to review by scientific experts, including non-Federal experts, selected by the Secretaries.

Limits the total cost of each project to \$7 million, including planning, design, implementation, revegetation, maintenance, and monitoring costs. Allows the Secretaries, in cases of projects conducted on lands under the jurisdiction of either Secretary, to accept, but not require, funds or in-kind contributions, including State agency provided services. Limits the Federal share of the costs of any activity on private lands funded under a project to 75 percent of the activity's total cost.

Requires projects to include: (1) documentation of the quantity of water saved due to various control methods, including the portion of water saved that returns to surface water or groundwater supplies and at what rates; and (2) optimal re-vegetative states to prevent re-growth and reintroduction of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive.

Requires the Secretaries to submit to the congressional committees annual reports on such projects.

(Sec. 4) Declares that nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect, or otherwise bias, use by the Secretaries of other statutory or administrative authorities to plan or conduct Salt Cedar or Russian Olive control and eradication.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes appropriations to the Secretaries to: (1) conduct the assessment; (2) award the grants specified above; and (3) carry out the program of demonstration projects specified above.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 25, 2004:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 605.
- **Feb 25, 2004:** Received in the Senate.
- **Feb 24, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 108-424, Part I.
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- **Feb 24, 2004:** House Committee on Agriculture Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Feb. 24, 2004.
- **Feb 24, 2004:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
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- **Feb 24, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 244.
- **Feb 24, 2004:** Mr. Pearce moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 24, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H520-523)
- **Feb 24, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2707.
- **Feb 24, 2004:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 24, 2004:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H529-530)
- **Feb 24, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 367 - 40 (Roll no. 26).(text: CR H520)
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- **Feb 24, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health Discharged.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Jul 24, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 16, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Jul 10, 2003:** Introduced in House
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