

HR 273

Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: MD • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jan 8, 2003
Rep. Vitter, David [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Apr 8, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on April 8, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the States of Maryland and Louisiana for a program to implement measures to: (1) eradicate nutria in Maryland; (2) eradicate or control nutria in Louisiana and other States; and (3) restore marshland damaged by nutria.

Directs the Secretary to require that the program in Maryland consist of management, research, and public education activities carried out in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service document entitled "Eradication Strategies for Nutria in the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay Watersheds."

Limits the Federal share of program costs to 75 percent. Prohibits use of more than five percent of such Federal assistance for administrative expenses.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2004 through 2008.

Directs the Secretary and the National Invasive Species Council to: (1) give consideration to the 2002 report for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries titled "Nutria in Louisiana" and the 2002 document entitled "Eradication Strategies for Nutria in the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay Watersheds"; and (2) develop, in cooperation with such Department and the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources, a long-term nutria control or eradication program, as appropriate, with the objective to significantly reduce and restore the damage nutria cause to coastal wetlands in Louisiana and Maryland.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2003:** Signed by President.
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- **Apr 23, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-16.
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- **Apr 11, 2003:** Presented to President.
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- **Apr 10, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 9, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5096-5097)
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- **Apr 8, 2003:** Mr. Gilchrest moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2872-2874, H2878)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 273.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** 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.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2878)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 385 - 30 (Roll no. 113).(text: CR H2872-2873)
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- **Apr 8, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 12, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- **Jan 8, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.