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HR 274

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jan 8, 2003

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 108-131.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 108-131. (Nov 22, 2003)

Law: 108-131 (Enacted Nov 22, 2003)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/274

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]

Party: Republican • State: MD • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 30, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 22, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Garrett Island in Cecil County, Maryland, to be managed as a unit of the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 22, 2003: Signed by President.
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- Nov 22, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-131.
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- Nov 13, 2003: Presented to President.
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- Nov 10, 2003: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 7, 2003: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S14279)
- Nov 7, 2003: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S14279)
- Oct 30, 2003: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe without amendment. With written report No. 108-180.
- Oct 30, 2003: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe without amendment. With written report No. 108-180.
- Oct 30, 2003: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 356.
- Jul 30, 2003: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Apr 30, 2003: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- Apr 29, 2003: Mr. Renzi moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Apr 29, 2003: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3431-3432)
- Apr 29, 2003: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 274.
- Apr 29, 2003: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text as passed House: CR H3431)
- Apr 29, 2003: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text as passed House: CR H3431)
- Apr 29, 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
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- Jan 8, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.