

## HR 2871

National Drought Preparedness Act of 2003

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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Rep. Bell, Chris [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Sep 9, 2004
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Sep 9, 2004
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Sep 9, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 11, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 12, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 24, 2003)

National Drought Preparedness Act of 2003 - Establishes the National Drought Council which shall: (1) develop a national drought policy action plan; (2) evaluate Federal drought-related programs; (3) coordinate and prioritize enhancement of the national integrated drought system; and (4) provide for the development of a drought information delivery system, drought planning models, and drought preparedness plans.

Terminates the Council eight years after enactment of this Act.

Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the National Office of Drought Preparedness.

Establishes within the Department of Agriculture the Drought Assistance Fund, which shall be used to: (1) assist State, local, tribal, and critical service entities with drought-related activities; and (2) expand the technology transfer of drought and water conservation strategies.

Requires: (1) the Secretary to publish guidelines for administering a national technical and financial drought assistance program; and (2) the Secretaries of Agriculture, the Interior, and the Army, and other appropriate Federal agency heads to implement integrated drought preparedness plans.

Authorizes States, Indian tribes, local governments, and regional, water providers to develop and implement drought preparedness plans.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 11, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Aug 12, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Jul 25, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1601)
- **Jul 25, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jul 24, 2003:** Introduced in House
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