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S 2986

A bill to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

Introduced: Nov 16, 2004

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 108-415.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 108-415. (Nov 19, 2004)

Law: 108-415 (Enacted Nov 19, 2004)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/2986

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Frist, William H. [R-TN]

Party: Republican • State: TN • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HRES 856	Procedurally related	Nov 18, 2004: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
108 HJRES 51	Related bill	May 27, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-24.

Summary (as of Nov 19, 2004)

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

Amends Federal law to increase the statutory limit on the public debt from \$7.384 trillion to \$8.184 trillion.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 19, 2004: Signed by President.
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- Nov 19, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-415.
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- Nov 18, 2004: Rule H. Res. 856 passed House.
- Nov 18, 2004: Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 856. (consideration: CR H9975-9987)
- Nov 18, 2004: Rule provides for consideration of S. 2986 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be
 considered as ordered without intervening motions. The resolution provides for one motion to commit. Measure will be
 considered read. Bill is closed to amendments.
- Nov 18, 2004: DEBATE The House proceeded with one hour of debate on S. 2986.
- Nov 18, 2004: DEBATE The House resumed debate on S. 2986.
- Nov 18, 2004: The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H9985)
- Nov 18, 2004: Mr. Stenholm moved to commit with instructions to Ways and Means. (consideration: CR H9985-9986; text: CR H9985)
- Nov 18, 2004: Floor summary: DEBATE The House proceeded with ten minutes of debate on the Stenholm motion to
 commit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the
 House with an amendment providing that the provisions of the bill shall not apply after April 15, 2005.
- Nov 18, 2004: The previous question on the motion to commit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H9986)
- Nov 18, 2004: On motion to commit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 194 218 (Roll no. 535).
- Nov 18, 2004: Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 208 204 (Roll no. 536).
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- Nov 18, 2004: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Nov 18, 2004: Presented to President.
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- Nov 17, 2004: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S11398, S11399-11418)
- Nov 17, 2004: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 856 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of S. 2986 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions. The resolution provides for one motion to commit. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments.
- Nov 17, 2004: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 52 44. Record Vote Number: 213.(text: CR S11418)
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- Nov 17, 2004: Received in the House.
- Nov 17, 2004: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 17, 2004: Held at the desk.
- Nov 16, 2004: Introduced in Senate
- Nov 16, 2004: Introduced in the Senate. Read twice. Ordered Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 805. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11382)