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Small Business Drought Relief Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Feb 5, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business. (Apr 1, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]	D · NC		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]	D · SC		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Feb 5, 2003
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Feb 10, 2003
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 10, 2003
Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	R · UT		Feb 25, 2003
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 3, 2003
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Apr 29, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 31, 2003
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 1, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 31, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced in the Senate on February 5, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Small Business Drought Relief Act of 2003 - Amends the Small Business Act to include within the definition of "disaster," for purposes of disaster loans provided to small businesses through the Small Business Administration (SBA), droughts and below average water levels in the Great Lakes or any other U.S. body of water that supports commerce by small businesses. Authorizes such loan assistance for farm- and nonfarm-related small businesses affected by droughts. Limits the amount that may be used during FY 2003 to provide drought disaster loans to non-farm related concerns.

Requires the SBA to respond in writing to a State Governor regarding its determination concerning the provision of disaster loan assistance within 30 days after receiving such Governor's certification that small businesses in that State have suffered economic injury as a result of a disaster.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 1, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 1, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 1, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
- **Mar 31, 2003:** Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 31, 2003:** Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 31, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4589-4590; text as passed Senate: CR S4589-4590)
- **Mar 31, 2003:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4589-4590; text as passed Senate: CR S4589-4590)
- **Feb 5, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 5, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2003)
- **Feb 5, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2003-2004)