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HR 346

American Spirit Fraud Prevention Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce Introduced: Jan 27, 2003

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

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Transportation. (Feb 13, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]

Party: Republican • State: NH • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2003
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Feb 4, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since being introduced in the House on January 27, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

American Spirit Fraud Prevention Act - Amends the Federal Trade Commission Act to: (1) double civil penalties imposed for committing unfair or deceptive acts or practices if such acts or practices exploit popular reaction during a presidentially declared emergency or disaster period; and (2) direct the court to impose a monetary civil penalty on a person found in an action seeking a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction to have committed such a violation (including dissemination of a false advertisement) during such period.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 13, 2003: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- Feb 12, 2003: Mr. Stearns moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Feb 12, 2003: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H413-415)
- Feb 12, 2003: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 346.
- Feb 12, 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): 422 1 (Roll no. 24).(text as passed House: CR H413)
- Feb 12, 2003: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Feb 12, 2003: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422 1 (Roll no. 24). (text as passed House: CR H413)
- Feb 4, 2003: Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 108-5.
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- Feb 4, 2003: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 3.
- Jan 29, 2003: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Jan 29, 2003: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- Jan 27, 2003: Introduced in House
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- Jan 27, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.