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HR 390

Africa Famine Relief Act of 2003 Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs **Introduced:** Jan 27, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations. (Jan 27, 2003)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 27, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 185	Identical bill	Jan 16, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Jan 27, 2003)

Africa Famine Relief Act of 2003 - Authorizes emergency appropriations to the emergency assistance program under title II of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to provide humanitarian assistance for sub-Saharan Africa.

Urges the President to establish a task force responsible for designing a comprehensive strategy to deal with the immediate needs of the humanitarian crisis in sub-Saharan Africa and addressing the long-term causes of food insecurity in the region, including corruption within certain governments of sub-Saharan Africa. Directs the President to instruct the U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations, the World Food Programme, international organizations, and other appropriate international organizations to use the U.S. vote to support additional food aid and other humanitarian assistance for sub-Saharan Africa.

Authorizes emergency appropriations for: (1) international disaster assistance for relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction assistance for sub-Saharan Africa; and (2) the award of grants to eligible administrative organizations to award subgrants to nongovernmental organizations to expand activities to prevent the mother-to-child transmission of HIV by providing treatment, medical care, and support services to HIV-infected parents and their children.

Actions Timeline

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