

HR 4170

Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2004

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Apr 20, 2004

Current Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. (Sep 29, 2004)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 29, 2004
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 19, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2004 - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to recruit, train, and accept, without regard to the civil service classification laws, rules, or regulations, the services of individuals, contributed without compensation as volunteers, for aiding in or facilitating the activities administered by the Secretary through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Office of the Secretary.

Prohibits: (1) the Secretary, in accepting such services of individuals as volunteers, from permitting the use of such volunteers in law enforcement work, in regulatory and enforcement work, in policy-making processes, or to displace any employee; and (2) volunteer services authorized by this Act from being conducted on private property unless the officer or employee charged with supervising the volunteer obtains appropriate consent to enter the property from the property owner. Authorizes the Secretary to accept the services of individuals in hazardous duty only upon a determination by the Secretary that such individuals are skilled in performing hazardous activities. Directs the Secretary to ensure that an appropriate U.S. officer or employee provides adequate and appropriate supervision of each volunteer whose services the Secretary accepts.

Authorizes the Secretary to provide for services and costs incidental to the utilization of volunteers. Provides that a volunteer shall not be deemed a Federal employee and shall not be subject to Federal employment law including those provisions relating to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave, unemployment compensation, and Federal employee benefits. Provides for volunteers under this Act to be subject to the provisions of Federal criminal law concerning bribery, graft, and conflicts of interest, except under certain conditions.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 29, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held.
- **Jul 20, 2004:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 19, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 108-613.
- **Jul 19, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 372.
- **Jul 19, 2004:** Mr. Hayworth moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 19, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5942-5943)
- **Jul 19, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4170.
- **Jul 19, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5942)
- **Jul 19, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5942)
- **Jul 19, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 21, 2004:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Apr 20, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 20, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

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