

HR 4323

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide rapid acquisition authority to the Secretary of Defense to respond to combat emergencies.

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hunter, Duncan [R-CA-52]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11]	R · VA		May 11, 2004
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		May 11, 2004
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jun 14, 2004
Rep. Saxton, Jim [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Jun 14, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Markup By	May 12, 2004
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 15, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Authorizes the Secretary of Defense to rapidly acquire, as specified herein, equipment needed by a combatant commander to eliminate a combat capability deficiency that has resulted in combat fatalities.

Requires the Secretary, not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to develop a process for such rapid acquisition authority and submit to Congress a detailed explanation of the process, including procedures to be followed in carrying out the process.

Requires the process to provide for the following: (1) a requirement that the process be used only to acquire the minimum amount of equipment needed until the needs of the combatant commander can be fulfilled under existing acquisition policies; (2) a goal of awarding a contract for the equipment within 15 days after receipt of a request from a commander; and (3) in a case in which the equipment cannot be acquired without an extensive delay, a requirement for an interim solution to minimize the combat capability deficiency and combat fatalities until the equipment can be acquired.

Requires the process to provide for the waiver of the applicability of laws, policies, directives, and regulations related to: (1) the establishment of the requirement for the equipment; (2) the research, development, test, and evaluation of the equipment; and (3) the solicitation and selection of sources, and the award of the contract, for procurement of the equipment.

Permits the use of such authority only: (1) after the Secretary of Defense, without delegation, determines in writing that there exists a combat capability deficiency that has resulted in combat fatalities; and (2) to acquire equipment in an amount aggregating not more than \$100,000,000 during a fiscal year.

Directs the Secretary to notify the congressional defense committees within 15 days after each use of the acquisition authority provided in this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 15, 2004:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
- **Jun 14, 2004:** Mr. Hunter moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 14, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3900-3901)
- **Jun 14, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4323.
- **Jun 14, 2004:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 14, 2004:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3926-3927)
- **Jun 14, 2004:** 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): 285 - 97 (Roll no. 234).(text: CR H3900)
- **Jun 14, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 285 - 97 (Roll no. 234). (text: CR H3900)
- **Jun 14, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 13, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 12, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 12, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 11, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **May 11, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.