

HR 4683

Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jun 24, 2004

Current Status: Received in the Senate.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate. (Sep 29, 2004)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/4683>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]

Party: Democratic • State: SC • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Jun 24, 2004
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jun 24, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 22, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act - Establishes the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (Heritage Corridor) to: (1) recognize the important contributions made to American culture and history by African-Americans known as the Gullah/Geechee who settled in the coastal counties of South Carolina and Georgia; (2) assist State and local governments and public and private entities in South Carolina and Georgia in interpreting the story of the Gullah/Geechee and preserving Gullah/Geechee folklore, arts, crafts, and music; and (3) assist in identifying and preserving sites, historical data, artifacts, and objects associated with the Gullah/Geechee for the benefit and education of the public.

Provides that the Heritage Corridor shall be comprised of lands and waters depicted on a map entitled "Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor" dated September 2004 and on file at the National Park Service.

Establishes the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission (Commission) to assist Federal, State, and local authorities to develop and implement a management plan for Gullah/Geechee lands and waters.

Sets forth the duties of the Commission, including the preparation and submission of a management plan to the Secretary of the Interior and annual reporting to the Secretary. Authorizes the Commission to make grants and enter into cooperative agreements with the States of South Carolina and Georgia to prepare and implement the management plan.

Sets forth criteria for developing a management plan for the Heritage Corridor. Requires the Commission to submit the management plan to the Secretary for approval not later than three years after the funding of this Act. Requires the Secretary to approve or disapprove (citing reasons) the management plan within 90 days after receiving the plan.

Provides for technical and financial assistance to the Commission.

Requires the Commission to establish one or more Coastal Heritage Centers in the Heritage Corridor in accordance with the Low Country Gullah Culture Special Resource Study and Environmental Impact Study, December 2003.

Sets forth protections for private landowners in the Heritage Corridor.

Authorizes appropriations.

Terminates the authorities under this Act 15 years after enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 29, 2004:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 28, 2004:** Mr. Radanovich moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 28, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7666-7669)
- **Sep 28, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4683.
- **Sep 28, 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 H7666-7668)
- **Sep 28, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7666-7668)
- **Sep 28, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 14, 2004:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 6, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Jul 6, 2004:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Jun 24, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.