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Ombudsman Reauthorization Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials. (Jun 2, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 5, 2003
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Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 5, 2003
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 5, 2003
Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 5, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 2, 2003
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 21, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 347	Identical bill	Feb 3, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.

(This measure has not been amended since being introduced in the Senate on March 5, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Ombudsman Reauthorization Act of 2003 - Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to revise provisions regarding the Ombudsman.

Expands the duties of the Ombudsman to include assisting citizens in resolving problems relating to any program or requirement under this Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as well as any other program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Requires the Ombudsman to conduct investigations, make findings of fact, and make nonbinding recommendations concerning such problems.

Describes additional administrative and investigative powers of the Ombudsman. Requires the Ombudsman to appoint a Deputy for and maintain contact information in each region of the Agency. Requires annual reports on the status of health and environmental concerns addressed in complaints and cases brought before the Ombudsman.

Provides criminal penalties for obstructing the proceedings of or making false or fraudulent statements to the Ombudsman. Protects employees who comply with this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 2, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.
- **May 22, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 22, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **May 22, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **May 21, 2003:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe without amendment. With written report No. 108-50. Minority views filed.
- **May 21, 2003:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe without amendment. With written report No. 108-50. Minority views filed.
- **May 21, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 103.
- **May 21, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6889-6890; text: CR S6889-6890)
- **May 21, 2003:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6889-6890; text: CR S6889-6890)
- **Apr 9, 2003:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.