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## HR 5408

Small Business and Farm Energy Emergency Relief Act of 2004

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Nov 19, 2004

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. (Dec 2, 2004)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 2, 2004
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 19, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Small Business and Farm Energy Emergency Relief Act of 2004 - Amends the Small Business Act to authorize the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make disaster loans to assist small businesses that have suffered or are likely to suffer substantial economic injury as the result of a sharp and significant increase in the price of heating fuel or electricity. Prohibits any such loan from being made if the total amount outstanding and committed to the borrower would exceed \$1.5 million, unless the applicant is a major source of employment in its surrounding area. Requires, for such assistance: (1) a declaration by the President or the SBA Administrator that an area is affected by a sharp and significant increase in such price; or (2) a certification from the governor of the State that its small businesses have suffered such economic injury and are in need of assistance which is not otherwise available.

Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to farm operations that qualify as a small business and have or are likely to suffer substantial economic injury from a sharp and significant increase in energy costs or input costs from energy sources occurring on or after November 1, 2004, in connection with an energy emergency declared by the President or the Secretary.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Dec 2, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.
- **Nov 19, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **Nov 19, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 11/20/2004 E2111-2112)
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