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HR 859

Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Finance and Financial Sector

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Current Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Latest Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Mar 5, 2003)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 5, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags	
Policy Area:	

Finance and Financial Sector

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2003)

Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003 - Amends the Federal Reserve Act, the Home Owners' Loan Act, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to repeal the prohibition against the payment of interest on demand deposits. States that specified actions and benefits relating to an escrow account maintained at a depository institution in connection with a real estate transaction shall not be treated as the payment or receipt of interest for purposes of this Act and the other named Acts.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 5, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit.
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