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HR 868

Nicaragua Property Dispute Settlement Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs **Introduced:** Feb 25, 2003

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Mar 19,

2003)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/868

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ballenger, Cass [R-NC-10]

Party: Republican • State: NC • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	$D \cdot MA$		Feb 25, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Mar 5, 2003
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 19, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced in the House of Representatives on February 25, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Nicaragua Property Dispute Settlement Act of 2003 - Amends the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 to declare that specified types of actions (expropriations) taken by the Government of Nicaragua between January 1, 1956, and January 9, 2002, without a timely settlement of any claim for such an expropriation, shall not be considered in triggering a prohibition against U.S. aid to Nicaragua unless the action has been presented in writing to the Department of State on or before 120 days after a date to be specified by the Secretary of State at: (1) Department headquarters in Washington, D.C.; or (2) the U.S. Embassy to Nicaragua (in Managua).

Actions Timeline

- Mar 19, 2003: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- Mar 18, 2003: Mr. Ballenger moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Mar 18, 2003: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1915-1917)
- Mar 18, 2003: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 868.
- Mar 18, 2003: 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.
- Mar 18, 2003: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1924)
- Mar 18, 2003: 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): 414 7 (Roll no. 66).(text: CR H1915)
- Mar 18, 2003: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 7 (Roll no. 66). (text: CR H1915)
- Mar 18, 2003: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Mar 5, 2003: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Mar 5, 2003: Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, by Voice Vote.
- Feb 25, 2003: Introduced in House
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- Feb 25, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.