

## S 89

Universal National Service Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2003

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (Jan 7, 2003)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/89>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 7, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 163	Identical bill	<b>Oct 5, 2004:</b> On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 2 - 402 (Roll no. 494). (text: CR H8117-8118)

### Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Universal National Service Act of 2003 - Declares that it is the obligation of every U.S. citizen, and every other person residing in the United States, between the ages of 18 and 26 to perform a two-year period of national service, unless exempted, either as a member of an active or reserve component of the armed forces or in a civilian capacity that promotes national defense. Requires induction into national service by the President. Sets forth provisions governing: (1) induction deferments, postponements, and exemptions, including exemption of a conscientious objector from military service that includes combatant training; and (2) discharge following national service.

Amends the Military Selective Service Act to authorize the military registration of females.

## Actions Timeline

---

- **Jan 7, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.