

HR 988

Escaped Prescribed Fire Emergency Assistance Act

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Policy Area: Law

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 18, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2003
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Escaped Prescribed Fire Emergency Assistance Act - Allows the head of any Federal land management agency, in the case of an escaped prescribed fire where there is partial or total loss of a primary residence, to authorize payment of reasonable emergency assistance for up to 30 days, with an additional 30 day extension in extenuating circumstances. States that such assistance shall not be construed as a waiver of rights under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA). Authorizes such payments to be made from the Department of Agriculture's and the Department of the Interior's Wildfire Management Accounts.

States that any action or decision taken respecting a prescribed fire shall not be considered to be the exercise of a discretionary function.

Allows an individual with a claim before a Federal agency to amend it before final action is taken on it by the agency, or before the individual brings a civil action under FTCA against the United States, whichever may be later.

Requires an agency to: (1) notify an individual whose claim fails to state a claim upon which the agency may take action under FTCA; and (2) attach to any claim form it distributes notice that the claim may be amended.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 5, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Mar 18, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Mar 17, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Mar 17, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Mar 17, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior, USDA.
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