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S 1131

Idaho Land Enhancement Act Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: May 26, 2005

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 109-372.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 109-372. (Nov 27, 2006)

Law: 109-372 (Enacted Nov 27, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]

Party: Republican • State: ID • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Jul 20, 2005 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 4, 2006 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 109 HR 2718 | Identical bill | Jul 27, 2006: Subcommittee Hearings Held. |

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 29, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Idaho Land Enhancement Act - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior, if the State of Idaho offers to convey specified state land to the United States, to accept the offer, and on receipt of title to such land, simultaneously convey to the State specified Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Forest System land (the federal land).

Requires the value of the exchanged federal and state lands to be equal or made equal by cash payment to the United States or Idaho.

Sets forth requirements for: (1) the appraisal of the value of such lands, including that the appraisals be reviewed by an interdepartmental review team comprised of representatives of federal and state agencies; and (2) the disposition and use of proceeds from cash equalization payments received by the United States. Extends the term of approval of such appraisals by the interdepartmental review team to September 13, 2008.

Requires the conveyance of certain easements or rights-of-way.

Directs the city of Boise, Idaho, to pay the administrative costs associated with such land exchange.

(Sec. 4) Transfers administrative jurisdiction over specified BLM land in Shoshone County, Idaho, from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture. Requires any land designated as a Wilderness Study Area that is transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture to be managed in a manner that preserves the suitability of land for designation as wilderness until Congress determines otherwise.

Provides for the administration of transferred or conveyed lands.

Considers the boundaries of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests and Clearwater National Forest, as modified by the exchange authorized by this Act, to be the boundaries of such Forests as of January 1, 1965.

(Sec. 5) Revokes any public land orders withdrawing any of the federal land from appropriation or disposal under the public land laws necessary to permit disposal of such land.

Withdraws the federal and state land from: (1) location, entry, and patent under the mining and public land laws; and (2) disposition under the mineral leasing laws and the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 27, 2006: Signed by President.
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- Nov 27, 2006: Became Public Law No: 109-372.
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- Nov 21, 2006: Presented to President.
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- Nov 13, 2006: Mr. Radanovich moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Nov 13, 2006: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8584-8586)
- Nov 13, 2006: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1131.
- Nov 13, 2006: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8584-8585)
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- Nov 13, 2006: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Oct 4, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- Oct 4, 2006: Executive Comment Requested from USDA, Interior.
- Sep 29, 2006: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10528-10530; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S10528-10530)
- Sep 29, 2006: The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Sep 29, 2006: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- Sep 29, 2006: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- Sep 29, 2006: Received in the House.
- Sep 29, 2006: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Sep 29, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- Apr 20, 2006: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici under authority of the order of the Senate of 04/07/2006 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 109-232.
- Apr 20, 2006: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici under authority of the order of the Senate of 04/07/2006 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 109-232.
- Apr 20, 2006: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 394.
- Mar 8, 2006: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Jul 20, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-157.
- May 26, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- May 26, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6027-6028)
- May 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.