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HR 126

To amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jan 4, 2005

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 109-117.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 109-117. (Dec 1, 2005)

Law: 109-117 (Enacted Dec 1, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]

Party: Republican • State: NC • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 19, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

Increases from 100 to a minimum of 110 the number of free roaming horses the Secretary of the Interior is required to permit in Cape Lookout National Seashore, North Carolina, with a target population of between 120 and 130. Prohibits the Secretary from removing, assisting in, or permitting the removal of any free roaming horses from Federal lands, within the boundaries of the seashore unless removal is carried out as part of a plan to maintain the viability of the herd. Prohibits anything in such law from being construed to require the Secretary to replace horses or otherwise increase the number of horses within such boundaries where the herd numbers fall below 110 (currently, 100) as a result of natural causes, including, but not limited to, disease or natural disasters.

Actions Timeline

- Dec 1, 2005: Signed by President.
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- Dec 1, 2005: Became Public Law No: 109-117.
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- Nov 28, 2005: Presented to President.
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- Nov 16, 2005: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13056)
- Nov 16, 2005: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S13056)
- Nov 16, 2005: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 16, 2005: Cleared for White House.
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 109-154.
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 109-154.
- Oct 19, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 246.
- Apr 28, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
- Mar 15, 2005: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- Mar 14, 2005: Mr. Jones (NC) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Mar 14, 2005: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1375)
- Mar 14, 2005: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 126.
- Mar 14, 2005: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1375)
- Mar 14, 2005: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1375)
- Mar 14, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Feb 3, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- Jan 4, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Jan 4, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.