

S 1310

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Became Public Law No: 109-156.

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Law: 109-156 (Enacted Dec 30, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]

Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Jun 24, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 22, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 3124	Related bill	Dec 12, 2005: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 184.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on December 16, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to grant an easement to the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to enlarge the diameter of a specified natural gas pipeline from 14 inches to not more than 20 inches, consistent with the recreational values and protection of the resources of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in Pennsylvania.

Authorizes the Superintendent of the Recreation Area to issue a permit to the Corporation for the use of the Recreation Area in accordance with specified procedural requirements for the temporary areas required for the construction of the enlarged pipeline.

Requires the Corporation to comply with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) certification requirements for the increase in pipeline size.

Prohibits the Secretary from granting additional increases in the diameter of, or easements for, the pipeline within the boundary of the Recreation Area after the date of enactment of this Act.

Authorizes the Attorney General, at the Secretary's request, to bring against the Corporation a civil action for damages and response costs if the Corporation violates easement or permit provisions, fails to submit or timely implement an approved restoration and mitigation plan, or the violation or failure destroys, results in the loss of, or injures park system resources.

Amends the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to modify the effective date of the prohibition against the use of Highway 209 within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area by certain commercial vehicles. Changes such date from noon on September 30, 2005, to the earlier of the date on which a feasible alternative is available, or noon of September 30, 2015.

Increases from \$25 to \$40 the maximum commercial use fee which the Secretary is required to collect from commercial vehicles until the effective date of the prohibition.

Extends the National Park System Advisory Board until January 1, 2007.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 30, 2005:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 30, 2005:** Became Public Law No: 109-156.
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- **Dec 22, 2005:** Presented to President.
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- **Dec 19, 2005:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H12215-12216)
- **Dec 19, 2005:** Mr. Pombo asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Dec 19, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H12215-12216)
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- **Dec 19, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 19, 2005:** Cleared for White House.
- **Dec 17, 2005:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 17, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2005:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 16, 2005:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S13935-13936; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S13935-13936)
- **Dec 16, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 16, 2005:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 8, 2005:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici under authority of the order of the Senate of 11/18/2005 with amendments and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 109-194.
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- **Dec 8, 2005:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 312.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Sep 22, 2005:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-213.
- **Jun 24, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 24, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.