

HR 135

Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Apr 13, 2005)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Jan 4, 2005
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jan 6, 2005
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Jan 25, 2005
Rep. Renzi, Rick [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		Jan 25, 2005
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Jan 26, 2005
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Feb 15, 2005
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Feb 15, 2005
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Feb 17, 2005
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Apr 12, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 13, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2005
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 5, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 12, 2005)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2005 - Establishes the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to: (1) project future water supply and demand; (2) study current water management programs of federal, interstate, state, and local agencies and private sector entities directed at increasing water supplies and improving the availability, reliability, and quality of freshwater resources; and (3) consult with representatives of such agencies and entities to develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy. Requires that such strategy: (1) respect the primary role of states in adjudicating, administering, and regulating water rights and uses; (2) identify incentives intended to ensure an adequate and dependable water supply to meet U.S. needs for the next 50 years; (3) suggest strategies that avoid increased mandates on state and local governments; (4) eliminate duplication and conflict among federal programs; (5) consider all available technologies to optimize water supply reliability, availability, and quality, while safeguarding the environment; (6) recommend means of capturing excess water and flood water for conservation and use in the event of a drought; (7) suggest financing options for comprehensive water management projects and appropriate public works projects; and (8) suggest strategies to conserve existing water supplies, including recommendations for repairing aging infrastructure.

Sets forth requirements for semiannual interim reports and a final report within three years. Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 13, 2005:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Apr 12, 2005:** Mr. Duncan moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 12, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1858-1861)
- **Apr 12, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 135.
- **Apr 12, 2005:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 12, 2005:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1867-1868)
- **Apr 12, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 402 - 22 (Roll no. 96).(text: CR H1858-1859)
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- **Apr 12, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 3, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Jan 5, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Jan 4, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E11)
- **Jan 4, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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