

HR 1973

Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005

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Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Oct 27, 2005
Rep. Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Oct 27, 2005
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Oct 27, 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 28, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 492	Related bill	Mar 2, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1932-1934)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on November 7, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 - (Sec. 4) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) in order to make the most effective use of amounts of official development assistance for water and sanitation and avoid waste and duplication, the United States should seek to establish innovative international coordination mechanisms based on best practices in other development sectors; and (2) the United States should greatly increase the amount of official development assistance.

(Sec. 5) Amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the President to furnish assistance for programs in developing countries to provide affordable and equitable access to safe water and sanitation by: (1) expanding affordable and equitable access to safe water and sanitation for underserved populations; (2) supporting the design, construction, and operation of water delivery and sanitation systems; (3) improving the safety and reliability of water supplies, including environmental management; and (4) improving the capacity of recipient governments and local communities.

Authorizes the President to use local currency payments under title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to provide such assistance.

(Sec. 6) Directs the President, through the Secretary of State, to develop a strategy to be implemented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to further the U.S. foreign assistance objective of providing affordable and equitable access to safe water and sanitation in developing countries.

Sets forth: (1) strategy contents, including designation of high priority countries; and (2) reporting and monitoring requirements.

(Sec. 8) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary should expand current programs and develop new programs to train local water and sanitation managers and other officials of recipient countries.

(Sec. 9) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the United States should support U.N. agency water and sanitation activities, such as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); and (2) the Secretary of the Treasury should instruct each U.S. executive director at the multilateral development banks to encourage the inclusion of water and sanitation programs as a critical element of their development assistance.

(Sec. 10) Expresses the sense of Congress that U.S. programs to support and encourage efforts around the world to develop river basin, aquifer, and other watershed-wide mechanisms for governance and cooperation are critical components of long-term U.S. national security and should be expanded.

Directs the Secretary to report to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate on U.S. efforts to promote programs that develop river basin, aquifer, and other watershed-wide mechanisms for governance and cooperation.

(Sec. 11) Authorizes additional appropriations beginning with FY2006 to carry out this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2005:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 1, 2005:** Became Public Law No: 109-121.
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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.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Cleared for White House.
- **Nov 8, 2005:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Nov 7, 2005:** Mr. Poe moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 7, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9703-9709)
- **Nov 7, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1973.
- **Nov 7, 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.
- **Nov 7, 2005:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9812)
- **Nov 7, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 319 - 34 (Roll no. 571).(text: CR H9703-9705)
- **Nov 7, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 319 - 34 (Roll no. 571). (text: CR H9703-9705)
- **Nov 7, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 28, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on International Relations. H. Rept. 109-260.
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- **Oct 28, 2005:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 141.
- **Oct 27, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H9279)
- **Oct 26, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H9106)
- **Sep 15, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 15, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 28, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 28, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.