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# S 205

Buffalo Soldiers Commemoration Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

**Policy Area:** Commemorations **Introduced:** Jan 31, 2005

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 109-152.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 109-152. (Dec 30, 2005)

Law: 109-152 (Enacted Dec 30, 2005)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/205

#### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]

Party: Democratic • State: LA • Chamber: Senate

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	$R \cdot LA$		Jan 31, 2005

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 9, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 8, 2005

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

Commemorations

## **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on March 9, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Buffalo Soldiers Commemoration Act of 2005 - Authorizes the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers in or around New Orleans, Louisiana, on land donated for such purpose or on federal land with the consent of the appropriate land manager.

Directs the Commission: (1) to solicit and accept contributions for the memorial's construction and maintenance; and (2) prior to beginning construction, to enter into an agreement with an appropriate public or private entity to provide for the permanent maintenance of the memorial and to have sufficient funds (or assurance that it will receive sufficient funds) to complete the memorial. Authorizes the Commission to enter into a cooperative agreement with a private or public entity for fundraising purposes.

Directs the Commission: (1) to maintain an escrow account to pay expenses incurred in constructing the memorial; (2) to deposit into the account any principal and interest by the United States that the Chairman determines has a suitable maturity; and (3) after construction, to transfer account amounts to the entity providing for permanent maintenance of the memorial.

Authorizes appropriations.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Dec 30, 2005: Signed by President.
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- Dec 30, 2005: Became Public Law No: 109-152.
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- Dec 22, 2005: Presented to President.
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- Dec 19, 2005: Committee on Resources discharged.
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- Dec 19, 2005: Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H12215)
- Dec 19, 2005: Mr. Pombo asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- Dec 19, 2005: Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H12215)
- Dec 19, 2005: On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H12215)
- Dec 19, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Dec 19, 2005: Cleared for White House.
- Aug 8, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.
- Jul 27, 2005: Received in the House.
- Jul 27, 2005: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Jul 27, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- Jul 26, 2005: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9018-9052; text as reported in Senate: CR S9028; text as passed Senate: CR S9028)
- Jul 26, 2005: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9018-9052; text as reported in Senate: CR S9028; text as passed Senate: CR S9028)
- Mar 9, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with an amendment. With written report No. 109-24.
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- Mar 9, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 36.
- Feb 9, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Jan 31, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 31, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S652-653)
- Jan 31, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S653)