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S 212

Valles Caldera Preservation Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jan 31, 2005

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 109-132.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 109-132. (Dec 20, 2005)

Law: 109-132 (Enacted Dec 20, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]

Party: Republican • State: NM • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 31, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 23, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 1, 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 summary of that version is repeated here.)

Valles Caldera Preservation Act of 2005 - Amends the Valles Caldera Preservation Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to negotiate a price for buying the remaining mineral interests of the Valles Caldera Preserve in New Mexico. Directs that any difference between the sum estimated to be just compensation by the Secretary and the amount awarded be paid from the permanent judgment appropriation.

Requires the Trust to determine the character of, and the necessity for, any obligations and expenditures of the Trust and the manner in which obligations and expenditures shall be incurred, allowed, and paid.

Grants authority to use monies received from claims, judgments, or settlements arising from activities occurring on the Baca Ranch or the Preserve after October 27, 1999, for specified purposes.

Provides for the rate of compensation of the chairperson of the Trust.

Authorizes the Trust to dispose of forage, forest products, or marketable renewable resources as part of its resource management authority.

Directs the Secretary to develop a plan to carry out fire preparedness, suppression, and emergency rehabilitation services on the Preserve. Authorizes the Secretary to provide presuppression and non-emergency rehabilitation and restoration services for the Trust, to the extent generally authorized at other National Forest System units, at any time on a reimbursable basis.

Actions Timeline

- Dec 20, 2005: Signed by President.
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- Dec 20, 2005: Became Public Law No: 109-132.
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- Dec 12, 2005: Presented to President.
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- Dec 6, 2005: Mr. Radanovich moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Dec 6, 2005: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11045-11046)
- Dec 6, 2005: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 212.
- Dec 6, 2005: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H11045-11046)
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- Dec 6, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Dec 6, 2005: Cleared for White House.
- Aug 1, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- 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 without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9018-9052; text as passed Senate: CR S9019-9020)
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- Feb 23, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici under authority of the order of the Senate of 02/17/05 without amendment. With written report No. 109-10.
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- Feb 23, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 21.
- 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 S657-658)
- Jan 31, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S658)