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S 242

Columbia Space Shuttle Memorial Study Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Feb 1, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks. (Dec 2, 2005) **Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/242

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Feb 1, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 28, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 2, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5692	Related bill	Nov 13, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on October 19, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Columbia Space Shuttle Memorial Study Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing, as units of the National Park System, memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia, to be located on the four specified parcels of land in Texas on which large debris from the Space Shuttle was recovered.

Instructs the Secretary, in carrying out such study, to assume that, if established after completion of such study, each memorial shall be administered by the Secretary.

Authorizes the Secretary to recommend to Congress additional sites in Texas relating to the Space Shuttle Columbia for establishment as memorials.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- Dec 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.
- Nov 16, 2005: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13044; text as passed Senate: CR S13044)
- Nov 16, 2005: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S13044; text as passed Senate: CR S13044)
- Nov 16, 2005: Received in the House.
- Nov 16, 2005: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 16, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 109-145.
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 109-145.
- Oct 19, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 237.
- Sep 28, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Apr 28, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-74.
- Feb 1, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Feb 1, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S749-750)
- Feb 1, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S750)