

HR 2720

Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonilla, Henry [R-TX-23]	R · TX		May 26, 2005
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		May 26, 2005
Rep. Cubin, Barbara [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		May 26, 2005
Rep. Hunter, Duncan [R-CA-52]	R · CA		May 26, 2005
Rep. Osborne, Tom [R-NE-3]	R · NE		May 26, 2005
Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]	D · CO		May 26, 2005
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 26, 2005
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Herseth, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		Jul 26, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 16, 2005
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 177	Related bill	Mar 7, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 26.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)

Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior (the Secretary), acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation and the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey, to carry out a salt cedar (*Tamarix* spp) and Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) assessment and demonstration program to: (1) assess the extent of the infestation by salt cedar and Russian olive trees in the western United States; (2) demonstrate strategic solutions for the long-term management of such trees and the reestablishment of native vegetation; and (3) assess economic means to dispose of biomass created as a result of removal of those trees. Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a memorandum of understanding for the administration of such program.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) complete an assessment of the extent of the infestation; (2) identify long-term management and funding strategies that could be implemented by land managers in addressing the infestation and that should be tested as components of specified demonstration projects; and (3) establish a program that selects and funds at least five projects to demonstrate and evaluate the most effective methods of controlling salt cedar and Russian olive trees. Directs the Secretary to complete an analysis of economic means to use or dispose of biomass created by salt cedar and Russian olive tree removal.

Limits the costs of the assessment, identification and documentation of strategies (and the provision of grants), demonstration projects, and analysis. Requires the assessment, identification and documentation of strategies, and demonstration projects to be carried out on federal land and the analysis to be carried out at full federal expense. Limits the federal share of the costs of demonstration projects not carried out on federal land and allows in kind contributions.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) review the assessment, identification and documentation of strategies, demonstration projects, and analysis; (2) report to Congress annually, including a synopsis of any independent review and details of the manner and purposes for which funds are expended; and (3) facilitate public access to all information that results from carrying out this Act.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 11, 2006:** Signed by President.
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- **Oct 11, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-320.
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- **Oct 2, 2006:** Presented to President.
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- **Sep 29, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10537)
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- **Sep 29, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 3, 2006:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 420.
- **May 2, 2006:** Mr. Pearce moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 2, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1936-1938)
- **May 2, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2720.
- **May 2, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1936-1937)
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- **May 2, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 13, 2005:** Reported by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 109-341, Part I.
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- **Dec 13, 2005:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
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- **Dec 13, 2005:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 190.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Subcommittee on Water and Power Discharged.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health Discharged.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 7, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **May 31, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **May 31, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **May 31, 2005:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **May 26, 2005:** Introduced in House
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