

## HR 40

Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Mar 2, 2005)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2005

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 4, 2005)

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Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act - Establishes the Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African-Americans to examine: (1) the institution of slavery which existed within the United States and the colonies that became the United States from 1619 through 1865; (2) the extent to which the Federal and State governments supported the institution of slavery in constitutional and statutory provisions; (3) Federal and State laws that discriminated against freed African slaves and their descendants; and (4) the lingering negative effects of the institution of slavery on living African-Americans and on society in the United States.

Instructs the Commission to address the following issues when making its recommendations to Congress: (1) whether the Federal government should offer a formal apology for the perpetration of gross human rights violations on African slaves and their descendants; (2) whether African-Americans still suffer from the lingering effects of slavery; and (3) whether any form of compensation to the descendants of African slaves is warranted.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 2, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jan 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E5)
- **Jan 4, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.