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S 4001

New England Wilderness Act of 2006

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Sep 29, 2006

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 109-382.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 109-382. (Dec 1, 2006)

Law: 109-382 (Enacted Dec 1, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sununu, John E. [R-NH]

Party: Republican • State: NH • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]	$R \cdot NH$		Sep 29, 2006
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 29, 2006
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	$D \cdot VT$		Sep 29, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 16, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 4, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2463	Related bill	Sep 27, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
109 HR 5059	Related bill	Sep 25, 2006: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 223 - 167 (Roll no. 471).
109 HR 5062	Related bill	Sep 25, 2006: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by recorded vote (2/3 required): 220 - 169 (Roll no. 472).
109 HR 5157	Related bill	Apr 26, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
109 S 2565	Related bill	Apr 6, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

New England Wilderness Act of 2006 - **Title I: New Hampshire** - Designates specified federal lands managed by the United States Forest Service in the White Mountain National Forest area of New Hampshire as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System (lands to be known as the Wild River Wilderness and lands to be incorporated in the Sandwich Range Wilderness).

Title II: Vermont - Subtitle A: Designation of Wilderness Areas - Designates specified federal lands managed by the Forest Service in Vermont as wilderness areas and National Wilderness Preservation System components (lands to be known as the Glastenbury Wilderness, the Joseph Battell Wilderness, the Breadloaf Wilderness, the Lye Brook Wilderness, the Peru Peak Wilderness, and the Big Branch Wilderness). Requires the Forest Service to allow the continuance of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, the Long Trail, the Catamount Trail, and the marking and maintenance of associated trails and trail structures consistent with the management direction established under the Green Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

Subtitle B: Moosalamoo National Recreation Area - Designates specified federal lands managed by the Forest Service in Vermont as the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area. Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to administer the Area in accordance with laws applicable to National Forest System units and the management direction established for the Moosalamoo Recreation and Education Management Area under such Management Plan.

Actions Timeline

- Dec 1, 2006: Signed by President.
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- Dec 1, 2006: Became Public Law No: 109-382.
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- Nov 21, 2006: Presented to President.
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- Nov 15, 2006: Mrs. Drake moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Nov 15, 2006: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8646-8649)
- Nov 15, 2006: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 4001.
- Nov 15, 2006: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8646-8647)
- Nov 15, 2006: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8646-8647)
- Nov 15, 2006: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Oct 16, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- Oct 4, 2006: Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- Oct 4, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- Sep 29, 2006: Introduced in Senate
- Sep 29, 2006: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10525-10526; text as passed Senate: CR S10525-10526)
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- Sep 29, 2006: Received in the House.
- Sep 29, 2006: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Sep 29, 2006: Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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