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HR 539

Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Feb 2, 2005

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 109-118.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 109-118. (Dec 1, 2005)

Law: 109-118 (Enacted Dec 1, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Resident Commissioner Fortuno, Luis G. [R-PR-At Large]

Party: Republican • State: PR • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	$D\cdotIL$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	$R \cdot FL$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	$D \cdot NY$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	$D \cdot NY$		Feb 2, 2005
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	$D \cdot GU$		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	$R \cdot MO$		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	$R \cdot FL$		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	$D \cdot NY$		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	$R \cdot FL$		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	$D\cdotAZ$		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	$D \cdot NY$		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	$D \cdot NY$		Apr 26, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 19, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	May 18, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 272	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2005: Held at the desk.

Summary (as of Dec 1, 2005)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on June 14, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005 - Designates the El Toro Wilderness in the Caribbean National Forest/Luquillo Experimental Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Prohibits anything in this Act from precluding the installation and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorological, climatological, or atmospheric data collection and remote transmission facilities that are essential to the scientific research purposes of the Luquillo Experimental Forest.

Actions Timeline

- Dec 1, 2005: Signed by President.
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- Dec 1, 2005: Became Public Law No: 109-118.
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- Nov 28, 2005: Presented to President.
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- Nov 16, 2005: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13056)
- Nov 16, 2005: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S13056)
- Nov 16, 2005: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 16, 2005: Cleared for White House.
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 109-155.
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 109-155.
- Oct 19, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 247.
- Sep 14, 2005: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- Sep 13, 2005: Mr. Fortuno moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- Sep 13, 2005: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7828-7829)
- Sep 13, 2005: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 539.
- Sep 13, 2005: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7828-7829)
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- Sep 13, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Sep 13, 2005: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- Jun 14, 2005: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 109-126.
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- Jun 14, 2005: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 72.
- May 18, 2005: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health Discharged.
- May 18, 2005: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- May 18, 2005: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- May 11, 2005: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- Feb 16, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- Feb 2, 2005: Introduced in House
- Feb 2, 2005: Introduced in House
- Feb 2, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E160)
- Feb 2, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.