HR 584

Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment 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: 109-125.
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Law: 109-125 (Enacted Dec 7, 2005)
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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pombo, Richard W. [R-CA-11]
Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 19, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 2, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 305	Related bill	**Mar 8, 2005:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-19.

Summary (as of Dec 7, 2005)

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

Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2005 - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to recruit, train, and accept, without regard to the civil service classification laws, rules, or regulations, the services of individuals, contributed without compensation as volunteers, for aiding in or facilitating the activities administered by the Secretary through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Office of the Secretary.

Prohibits: (1) the Secretary, in accepting such services of individuals as volunteers, from permitting the use of such volunteers in law enforcement work, in regulatory and enforcement work, in policy-making processes, or to displace any employee; and (2) volunteer services authorized by this Act from being conducted on private property unless the officer or employee charged with supervising the volunteer obtains appropriate consent to enter the property from the property owner. Authorizes the Secretary to accept the services of individuals in hazardous duty only upon a determination by the Secretary that such individuals are skilled in performing hazardous activities. Directs the Secretary to ensure that an appropriate US officer or employee provides adequate and appropriate supervision of each volunteer whose services the Secretary accepts.

Authorizes the Secretary to provide for services and costs incidental to the utilization of volunteers. Provides that a volunteer shall neither be deemed a federal employee nor subject to federal employment law, including those provisions relating to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave, unemployment compensation, and federal employee benefits. Subjects volunteers to criminal law provisions concerning bribery, graft, and conflicts of interest, except under certain conditions.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 7, 2005:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 7, 2005:** Became Public Law No: 109-125.
- **Nov 28, 2005:** Presented to President.
- **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. 109-156.
- **Oct 19, 2005:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 248.
- **Mar 15, 2005:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Mr. Jones (NC) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1376-1377)
- **Mar 14, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 584.
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1376)
- **Mar 14, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1376)
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 2, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 2, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

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