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S 652

Benjamin Franklin National Memorial Commemoration Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commemorations **Introduced:** Mar 17, 2005

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 109-153.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 109-153. (Dec 30, 2005)

Law: 109-153 (Enacted Dec 30, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]

Party: Republican • State: PA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	$R \cdot PA$		Mar 17, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 28, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 2, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commemorations

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1645	Identical bill	Apr 21, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.

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

Benjamin Franklin National Memorial Commemoration Act of 2005 - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide a grant to the Franklin Institute to: (1) rehabilitate the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial (including the Franklin statue) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and (2) develop an interpretive exhibit relating to Benjamin Franklin, to be displayed at a museum adjacent to the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial.

Authorizes appropriations. Directs the Secretary to require the Franklin Institute to match any amounts provided under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- Dec 30, 2005: Signed by President.
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- Dec 30, 2005: Became Public Law No: 109-153.
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- Dec 22, 2005: Presented to President.
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- Dec 19, 2005: Committee on Resources discharged.
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- Dec 19, 2005: Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H12215)
- Dec 19, 2005: Mr. Pombo asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- Dec 19, 2005: Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H12215)
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- Dec 19, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Dec 19, 2005: Cleared for White House.
- Dec 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.
- Nov 17, 2005: Received in the House.
- Nov 17, 2005: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 17, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- Nov 16, 2005: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13045; text as passed Senate: CR S14045)
- Nov 16, 2005: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S13045; text as passed Senate: CR S14045)
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 109-147.
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 109-147.
- Oct 19, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 239.
- Jul 28, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-201.
- Mar 17, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 17, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3006-3007)
- Mar 17, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.