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S 958

Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Apr 28, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks. (Dec 2, 2005) **Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/958

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]

Party: Democratic • State: MD • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	$D \cdot MD$		Apr 28, 2005
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Sep 7, 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:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2053	Identical bill	May 10, 2005: Executive Comment Requested from Interior.

Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act - Amends the National Trails System Act to include the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail (the Trail), a trail consisting of water and overland routes totaling approximately 290 miles extending from southern Maryland through the District of Columbia and Virginia, and north to Baltimore, Maryland, commemorating the Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812.

Requires the Trail to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

Prohibits any land or interest in land outside the exterior boundaries of any federally administered area from being acquired by the United States for the Trail except with the consent of the owner of such land or interest.

Instructs the Secretary to: (1) encourage communities, landowners along the Trail, and volunteer trail groups to participate in the planning, development, and maintenance of the Trail; and (2) consult with other affected landowners and federal, state, and local agencies in the administration of the Trail.

Allows the Secretary to provide to state and local governments and nonprofit organizations interpretive programs and services and, through Fort McHenry National Monument and Shrine, technical assistance, for use in carrying out preservation and development of, and education relating to the War of 1812 along, the Trail.

Actions Timeline

- 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 with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13053; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S13053; text as passed Senate: CR S13053)
- Nov 16, 2005: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S13053; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S13053; text as passed Senate: CR S13053)
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with amendments. With written report No. 109-150.
- Oct 19, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with amendments. With written report No. 109-150.
- Oct 19, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 242.
- Sep 28, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- Jul 28, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-201.
- Apr 28, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Apr 28, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4571-4572)
- Apr 28, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.