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HR 975

TRAIL Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Feb 17, 2005

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural

Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

(Dec 14, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]

Party: Republican • State: CO • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	$R \cdot CO$		Feb 17, 2005
Rep. Hefley, Joel [R-CO-5]	$R \cdot CO$		Feb 17, 2005
Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4]	$R \cdot CO$		Feb 17, 2005
Rep. Otter, C. L. (Butch) [R-ID-1]	$R \cdot ID$		Feb 17, 2005
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 17, 2005
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	$R \cdot CA$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	$R \cdot ID$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Apr 12, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2005
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 14, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	May 18, 2005
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 13, 2005)

Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act or TRAIL Act - Amends the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the National Park Service Organic Act, the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, and other federal law to provide that: (1) any person who knowingly violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of such an Act or any regulation issued under such an Act concerning the management, use, and protection of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands, National Park System lands, National Wildlife Refuge lands, and National Forest lands shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, subject to fine and/or imprisonment as provided under federal criminal law; and (2) any person who otherwise violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of such an Act or any regulation issued under such an Act concerning the management, use, and protection of such lands shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor, subject to fine and/or imprisonment as provided under federal criminal law. Permits requiring persons adjudged guilty of a: (1) Class B misdemeanor on BLM or National Park System lands to pay all costs of the proceedings; and (2) a Class A or Class B misdemeanor on National Wildlife Refuge or National Forest lands to pay all costs of the proceedings.

Amends the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the National Park Service Organic Act, and other federal law to set a minimum fine of \$500 for certain fire usage violations on BLM, National Park System, and National Forest lands.

Actions Timeline

- Dec 14, 2005: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- Dec 13, 2005: Mrs. Drake moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- Dec 13, 2005: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11443-11444)
- Dec 13, 2005: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 975.
- Dec 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 H11443-11444)
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- Dec 13, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Jun 14, 2005: Reported by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 109-128, Part I.
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- Jun 14, 2005: Committee on Agriculture discharged.
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- Jun 14, 2005: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 73.
- May 18, 2005: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- May 18, 2005: Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- May 18, 2005: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health Discharged.
- May 18, 2005: Subcommittee on National Parks Discharged.
- May 18, 2005: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans Discharged.
- Mar 16, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- Mar 16, 2005: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- Feb 28, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- Feb 28, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.
- Feb 28, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans.
- Feb 17, 2005: Introduced in House
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