

HR 2185

To amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect tropical forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems, to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

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Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Oct 1, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 31, 2007
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 15, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2020	Related bill	Oct 15, 2007: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 419.

Summary (as of Oct 9, 2007)

(Sec. 1) Amends the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to include tropical forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems within the scope of such Act. (Current law refers to only tropical forests.)

(Sec. 3) Renames the Tropical Forest Facility as the Conservation Facility.

(Sec. 4) Makes developing countries with tropical forests or coral reefs or associated coastal marine ecosystems eligible for benefits. (Current law refers only to tropical forests.)

(Sec. 5) Authorizes appropriations through FY2010 for specified credit and concessional loan debt reduction owed to the United States.

Increases obligations for program administration, monitoring, and auditing.

(Sec. 7) Authorizes U.S. government representation on the administering body that oversees the implementation of grants from a debt-for-nature swap or debt buy-back regardless of whether the United States is a party to any agreement between the eligible purchaser and the government of the beneficiary country.

(Sec. 8) Requires U.S. government and beneficiary country government review of Conservation Fund grants in excess of \$250,000.

(Sec. 8) Renames the Tropical Forest Agreement as the Conservation Agreement.

(Sec. 9) Renames the Tropical Forest Fund as the Conservation Fund.

(Sec. 10) Repeals Enterprise for the Americas Board authority to carry out activities under the Act.

(Sec. 11) Revises certain reporting dates.

(Sec. 12) Renames the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 15, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Oct 9, 2007:** Ms. Watson moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 9, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11347-11350)
- **Oct 9, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2185.
- **Oct 9, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H11347-11348)
- **Oct 9, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H11347-11348)
- **Oct 9, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 9, 2007:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 7, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E975)
- **May 7, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.