

HR 2166

Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. (Jul 30, 2014)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		May 23, 2013
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jun 6, 2013
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 12, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 3, 2013
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 30, 2014
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 12, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1049	Related bill	Jul 30, 2014: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 113-433.

Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to implement a process to provide eligible organizations and individuals expedited access to federal lands to conduct good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions.

Requires such process to include provisions that clarify that: (1) an eligible organization or eligible individual granted access shall be acting for private purposes and shall not be considered a federal volunteer, (2) an eligible organization or eligible individual shall not be considered a volunteer under the Volunteers in the Parks Act of 1969, and (3) neither the Federal Torts Claim Act nor the Federal Employee Compensation Act shall apply to an eligible organization or eligible individual.

Bars the Secretaries from requiring an eligible organization or eligible individual to have liability insurance as a condition of accessing federal lands under this Act if it: (1) acknowledges and consents, in writing, to these clarifying provisions; and (2) signs a waiver releasing the federal government from all liability related to the access granted.

Sets forth procedures for the approval or denial of requests made by eligible organizations or individuals to carry out a good Samaritan search-and-recovery mission.

Requires the Secretaries to develop search-and-recovery focused partnerships with search-and-recovery organizations to: (1) coordinate good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions on such lands, and (2) expedite and accelerate mission efforts for missing individuals on such lands.

Requires the Secretaries to submit a joint report to Congress that describes: (1) their plans for developing such partnerships, and (2) the efforts being taken to expedite and accelerate such mission efforts.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2014:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Jan 28, 2014:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jan 27, 2014:** Mrs. Lummis moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 27, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1255-1257)
- **Jan 27, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2166.
- **Jan 27, 2014:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 27, 2014:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1259-1260)
- **Jan 27, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 394 - 0 (Roll no. 24). (text: CR H1255)
- **Jan 27, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 394 - 0 (Roll no. 24). (text: CR H1255)
- **Jan 23, 2014:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-331, Part I.
- **Jan 23, 2014:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Jan 23, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 247.
- **Jun 12, 2013:** Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation Discharged.
- **Jun 12, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 12, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 3, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
- **Jun 3, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.
- **May 23, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 23, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.