

HR 1887

To authorize the Comptroller General of the United States to assess a study on the alternatives for the disposition of Plum Island Animal Disease Center, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 26, 2016
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 28, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to assess the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) study of the options for the disposition of Plum Island, New York. (In 2005, DHS announced that the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center will move from Plum Island, New York, to a new federal facility in Manhattan, Kansas.)

The GAO must determine whether DHS's methodologies adequately support its findings with respect to:

- the possible alternative uses for Plum Island, including the transfer to another federal agency, a state or local government, a nonprofit organization, or a combination of the entities for the purpose of education, research, or conservation;
- the issues and implications of the alternative uses; and
- the cost for the transition, cleanup, and hazard mitigation by a recipient of the property.

If the DHS methodologies do not adequately support its findings related to an issue, the GAO must report to Congress on the issue.

(Sec. 3) The bill suspends until at least 180 days after the GAO submits its reports to Congress the requirement under current law for the General Services Administration to sell the property and assets which support Plum Island operations.

Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **May 17, 2016:** Received in the Senate.
- **May 16, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-568.
- **May 16, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 441.
- **May 16, 2016:** Mr. Ratcliffe moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 16, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2406-2409)
- **May 16, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1887.
- **May 16, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2406-2407)
- **May 16, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2406-2407)
- **May 16, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 16, 2016:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies Discharged.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies.
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.