

S 2143

A bill to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes.

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Law: 114-163 (Enacted May 20, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 24, 2016
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Apr 20, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

(Sec. 1) This bill modifies the existing authority for the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande River near Rio Grande City, Texas.

The authority, which currently expires 66 years after completion of the bridge (in 1966), is made permanent and expanded to include the successors or assigns of the company. The bridge must not consist of more than 14 lanes.

The company and its successors and assigns shall have the rights and privileges granted by federal law to the B and P Bridge Company, and may use eminent domain to acquire certain land needed for the bridge, subject to Texas laws and requirements for just compensation and public proceedings.

The company's successors and assigns may fix and charge tolls for transit over the bridge.

Those successors and assigns may also sell, assign, transfer, or mortgage the rights, powers, and privileges conferred on the company by the enacting law, to any public agency, to an international bridge authority or commission, or to a corporation.

Any such corporation may exercise such rights, powers, and privileges (including acquisition by mortgage foreclosure) as if they had been granted by the enacting law directly to the corporation.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **May 20, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-163.
- **May 18, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **May 16, 2016:** Mr. Royce moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 16, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2397-2399)
- **May 16, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2143.
- **May 16, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2397-2398)
- **May 16, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2397-2398)
- **May 16, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 21, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 21, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Mar 18, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 17, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1606; text as passed Senate: CR S1606)
- **Mar 17, 2016:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1606; text as passed Senate: CR S1606)
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe without amendment. With written report No. 114-213.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 374.
- **Jan 20, 2016:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Oct 6, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 6, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7161)