

S 293

A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

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Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-37.

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Sponsor

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Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 28, 2015
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Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 2, 2015
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 26, 2015
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 21, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 6, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 585	Identical bill	Mar 17, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2015)

This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to revise provisions governing citizen suits against the Department of the Interior or the Department of Commerce, as appropriate, that allege a failure of the relevant department to perform an act or duty related to an endangered species or threatened species. Interior must publish the complaint in a citizen suit within 30 days of being served. Affected parties shall be given a reasonable opportunity to intervene in the suit. If affected parties intervene, the court must refer the action to a mediation program or magistrate judge to facilitate settlement discussions.

The court is prohibited from: (1) awarding litigation costs in a citizen suit that is settled by a consent decree, or (2) awarding litigation costs to a plaintiff in a citizen suit that is settled.

Interior must provide notice of a proposed settlement to each state or county in which an affected species occurs. A settlement can only be approved if states or counties approve the settlement or fail to respond.

Actions Timeline

- **May 6, 2015:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-37.
- **Jan 28, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 28, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S602)