

HR 3979

Keep America's Refuges Operational Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Law: 115-168 (Enacted Apr 23, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (17 total)

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| Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large] | D · MP | | Oct 5, 2017 |
| Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6] | R · LA | | Oct 5, 2017 |
| Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3] | D · AZ | | Oct 5, 2017 |
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| Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5] | D · CA | | Oct 5, 2017 |
| Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1] | R · VA | | Oct 5, 2017 |
| Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3] | D · WI | | Oct 12, 2017 |
| Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large] | R · AS | | Oct 25, 2017 |
| Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4] | R · AR | | Oct 25, 2017 |
| Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9] | R · GA | | Nov 3, 2017 |
| Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3] | R · CO | | Nov 8, 2017 |
| Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2] | R · NM | | Nov 15, 2017 |
| Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4] | R · AZ | | Nov 21, 2017 |
| Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4] | R · LA | | Nov 21, 2017 |
| Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26] | R · FL | | Nov 28, 2017 |
| Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10] | R · GA | | Nov 28, 2017 |
| Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large] | D · GU | | Nov 29, 2017 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Natural Resources Committee | House | Discharged from | Nov 29, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|------------|----------------|---|
| 115 S 1940 | Identical bill | Oct 5, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. |

Summary (as of Apr 23, 2018)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize through FY2022: (1) the volunteer services, community partnerships, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System; and (2) provisions authorizing the Department of the Interior to accept and use gifts, devises, or bequests of real and personal property for the benefit of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the performance of its activities and services.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 23, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-168.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 9, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S2017)
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- **Dec 19, 2017:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 18, 2017:** Mr. Wittman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 18, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10154-10155)
- **Dec 18, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3979.
- **Dec 18, 2017:** 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.
- **Dec 18, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10166)
- **Dec 18, 2017:** 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): 371 - 14 (Roll no. 687).(text: CR H10154)
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- **Dec 18, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-438.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 324.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 15, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Oct 11, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7959)
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.