

HR 4951

Monuments Protection Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Feb 6, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 8, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture (USDA) to enter into an agreement with a state, the District of Columbia, a federally recognized Indian tribe, a U.S. territory or possession, or a political subdivision that offers to assume activities to resume or continue operations and public access to any covered unit when those activities would not otherwise be carried out: (1) because there is a lapse in available federal funds as a result of a failure to enact appropriations, or (2) because of a failure of the federal government to make sufficient funds available to operate such unit.

The bill defines a "covered unit" to mean:

- public lands;
- units of the National Park System, the National Wildlife Refuge System, and the National Forest System;
- federally owned open air monuments and memorials; and
- federally owned roads and off ramps on all such lands.

The bill requires Interior and USDA to reimburse an entity for such activities once funds are made available.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 8, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Feb 13, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2018:** 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.