

## HR 1154

### Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Feb 18, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 21, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 14, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1942	Related bill	<b>Jan 5, 2023:</b> Became Public Law No: 117-339.
117 HR 803	Related bill	<b>Mar 2, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
117 S 470	Identical bill	<b>Feb 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S899-900)

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This act directs the Department of the Interior to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating a study area comprised of cities and counties in Virginia and counties in North Carolina as a National Heritage Area to be known as the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area.

The study shall include analysis, documentation, and determinations on whether the study area (1) has an assemblage of natural, historic, and cultural resources that represent distinctive aspects of the people and culture of the United States; and (2) are worthy of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and continuing use.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 5, 2023:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2023:** Became Public Law No: 117-331.
- **Dec 28, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9730)
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5496-5497)
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 36 (Roll no. 303).(text: CR 7/26/2021 H3860)
- **Sep 28, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 36 (Roll no. 303). (text: CR 7/26/2021 H3860)
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-104.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 77.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Mrs. Dingell moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3860-3861)
- **Jul 26, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1154.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** 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.
- **Jul 14, 2021:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Jul 14, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 14, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Feb 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 18, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.