

HR 7077

Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act

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Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Apr 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 14, 2022
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	May 6, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1518	Related bill	Dec 14, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 5118	Related bill	Aug 2, 2022: Received in the Senate.
117 S 3845	Identical bill	Mar 15, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Dec 20, 2022)

Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act

This act authorizes the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to conduct on-site fire safety investigations of major fires and other fires under other specified circumstances.

In the case of a major fire, the USFA may send incident investigators (e.g., safety specialists, fire protection engineers, codes and standards experts, researchers, and fire training specialists) to the site. Any such investigation shall (1) be conducted in coordination and cooperation with appropriate federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial authorities; and (2) examine the previously determined cause and origin of the fire and assess broader systematic matters.

Upon concluding any such investigation, the USFA must issue a public report to federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial authorities on the findings of such investigation or collaborate with another investigating federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial agency on that agency's report. The act makes an exception where issuing a report would have a negative impact on a potential or ongoing criminal investigation.

Additionally, the USFA may send fire investigators to conduct fire safety investigations at the site of any fire with unusual or remarkable context that results in losses less severe than those occurring as a result of a major fire, in coordination and cooperation with the appropriate federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial authorities.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-246.
- **Dec 16, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1518, proceedings on H.R. 7077 are considered vacated.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 1518, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1082, as amended; H.R. 5349; H.R. 6218; H.R. 6220; H.R. 6221; H.R. 6611, as amended; H.R. 6630; H.R. 6725; H.R. 7077, agreed to Senate amendment; H.R. 7832; H.R. 8665; S. 558; and S. 789. S. 558; and S. 789.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 1518, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1082, as amended; H.R. 5349; H.R. 6218; H.R. 6220; H.R. 6221; H.R. 6611, as amended; H.R. 6630; H.R. 6725; H.R. 7077, agreed to Senate amendment; H.R. 7832; H.R. 8665; S. 558; and S. 789. (consideration: CR H9803, H9809-9810; text: CR H9803-9809)
- **Dec 12, 2022:** Mr. Beyer moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. ((consideration: CR H9652-9653; text: CR H9652))
- **Dec 12, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 7077.
- **Dec 12, 2022:** 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 7, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 6, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7003)
- **Dec 6, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7003)
- **Dec 6, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7003)
- **Nov 14, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters without amendment. With written report No. 117-195.
- **Nov 14, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 546.
- **Aug 3, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 12, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **May 11, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4833-4834)
- **May 11, 2022:** 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): 379 - 37 (Roll no. 153).(text: 05/10/2022 CR H4733)
- **May 11, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 379 - 37 (Roll no. 153). (text: 05/10/2022 CR H4733)
- **May 11, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 10, 2022:** Ms. Stevens moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 10, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4733-4736)
- **May 10, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7077.
- **May 10, 2022:** 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.
- **May 6, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 117-309.
- **May 6, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 229.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 15, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 15, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.