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Legislative History Template

Act Title:
Author/Authors:
Date Updated:

Congress:
Session/Sessions:
Statute No:
Public Law No:
Eid:

Bill:
Sponsor:
House Committees:
Senate Committees:

Companion Bill:
Related Bills:
House Rules:
Past Bills:

Introduced Date- Law Date:
House Floor Days:
Senate Floor Days:
Roll Call Votes:

Tags:

Contents:

Summary: Give a brief one-three paragraph overview of the measure. Was it controversial? What did it contain? Was debate heated? Passage contentious? What was the final passage vote? List any particularly controversial votes or motions here. How many total floor amendments were there? I would generally recommend writing the summary section after you've written the longer consideration sections.

Background: What was the political climate like in this Congress? Who was the President? What party controlled the House and the Senate? Were there other key issues on the agenda when this measure was being considered? What did newspapers say about the measure? Was it a key part of the President's agenda?

Initial House Consideration: This section should be compiled chronologically and generally follow the index. What happened on the floor? What did supporters of the Act say about it? What about opponents? I recommend pulling several quotes directly from the debate.

Was there a special rule? Open or closed? Was it voted on? Anything odd procedurally? How did it pass (recorded vote, voice vote, etc...)? What was the vote total? How did newspapers discuss the House consideration? How long was it debated for? Any notable roll call votes? Please try and provide both the dates for consideration and the page numbers.

Initial Senate Consideration: This section should be compiled chronologically generally follow the index. What happened on the floor? What did supporters of the Act say about it? What about opponents? I recommend pulling several quotes directly from the debate.

Was there a cloture vote? How did newspapers discuss the Senate consideration? How long was it debated for? Any notable roll call votes? Please try and provide both the dates for consideration and the page numbers.

Secondary House Consideration: *If applicable*

Secondary Senate Consideration: *If applicable*

Subsequent Congressional Actions: Was there a conference committee? A veto override?

Aftermath: When did the President sign it into law? Was the law amended by a subsequent law? Did the papers quote the President's discussion of it? Was it overturned in a later Supreme Court case?

Tags: What unique features of this bills consideration might political observers be interested in? For example, if there was a veto override, list "veto override" here.

Additional Notes: Do you have any additional notes to add here?

Citations: Please cite any newspaper or other sources you used in writing up this enactment. Additionally, please include citations to any other relevant work that cites this enactment. Please provide a page break before the start of this final section.

Articles should be cited in the following way:

Lastname, Firstname. Year. "Article Title." *Journal Title* Volume#(Issue #): First page-last page.

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