

## HR 2486

Inland Flood Forecasting and Warning System Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jul 12, 2001

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]

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

### Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Barrett, Thomas M. [D-WI-5]	D · WI		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Boehlert, Sherwood [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Clayton, Eva M. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Cramer, Robert E. (Bud), Jr. [D-AL-5]	D · AL		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [D-TX-4]	D · TX		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Hoeffel, Joseph M. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. McKinney, Cynthia A. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jul 12, 2001
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jul 23, 2001
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jul 23, 2001
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Jul 23, 2001
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Jul 31, 2001
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Nov 29, 2001
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Dec 19, 2001
Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3]	R · MI		May 22, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 10, 2002
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	Dec 12, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HRES 473	Procedurally related	Jul 11, 2002: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jul 11, 2002)

Inland Flood Forecasting and Warning System Act of 2002 - Requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), through the United States Weather Research Program, to: (1) improve the capability to forecast accurately inland flooding through research and modeling; (2) develop, test, and deploy a new flood warning index that will give the public and emergency management officials fuller, clearer, and more accurate information about the risks and dangers posed by expected floods; (3) train emergency management officials, National Weather Service personnel, meteorologists, and others regarding improved forecasting techniques for inland flooding, risk management techniques, and use of such flood warning index; (4) conduct outreach and education activities for local meteorologists and the public regarding the dangers and risks associated with inland flooding and the use and understanding of such index; and (5) assess the long-term trends in frequency and severity of inland flooding and how shifts in climate, development, and erosion patterns might make certain regions vulnerable to more continual or escalating flood damage in the future. Authorizes appropriations to NOAA for carrying out this Act for FY 2003 through 2007. Earmarks specified amounts for competitive merit-reviewed grants to institutions of higher education to: (1) carry out such assessment; and (2) develop models that can improve the ability to forecast the coastal and estuary inland flooding that is influenced by tropical cyclones.

Requires NOAA to report to specified congressional committees: (1) annually through FY 2007 on its activities under this Act and the success and acceptance of the new inland flood warning index by public and emergency management professionals; and (2) by January 1, 2006, on the likely long-term trends in inland flooding, the results of which shall be used in the outreach activities, especially to alert the public and builders to flood hazards.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 29, 2002:** Signed by President.
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- **Oct 29, 2002:** Became Public Law No: 107-253.
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- **Oct 23, 2002:** Presented to President.
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- **Oct 17, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10601)
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10601)
- **Oct 10, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Hollings without amendment. With written report No. 107-310.
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- **Oct 10, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 698.
- **Sep 19, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 12, 2002:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** Rule H. Res. 473 passed House.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 473. (consideration: CR H4508-4514, H4521; text of measure as reported in House: CR H4511-4512)
- **Jul 11, 2002:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2486 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill (H.Rept. 107-495). Measure will be considered read. Bill is open to amendments.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 473 and Rule XXIII.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Jack Quinn to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2486.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with debate on the Jackson-Lee amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** POSTPONED VOTE - At the conclusion of debate the Chair put the question on passage of H.R. 2486 by voice vote and announced that the bill had passed. Mr. Ehlers then demanded the yeas and nays. The Chair postponed further proceedings until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 413 - 3 (Roll no. 294).
- **Jul 11, 2002:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 413 - 3 (Roll no. 294).
- **Jul 11, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 473 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2486 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill (H.Rept. 107-495). Measure will be considered read. Bill is open to amendments.
- **Jun 5, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science. H. Rept. 107-495.
- **Jun 5, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science. H. Rept. 107-495.
- **Jun 5, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 295.
- **May 22, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 22, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 12, 2001:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

- Dec 12, 2001:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 11, 2001:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
  - **Jul 18, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards.
  - **Jul 12, 2001:** Introduced in House
  - **Jul 12, 2001:** Introduced in House
  - **Jul 12, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1320)
  - **Jul 12, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on Science.