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Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Amendments Act of 2004

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	R · OH		Nov 19, 2004

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1856	Related bill	Jul 8, 2004: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
108 S 247	Related bill	Oct 29, 2003: Held at the desk.
108 S 937	Related bill	Apr 29, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate passed version is repeated here.)

Title I: Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Amendments Act of 2004 - Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Amendments Act of 2004 - (Sec. 102) Amends the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to remove the President's authority to disestablish the Interagency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia. Requires the Task Force, in developing its assessments, reports, and plans, to consult with the coastal States, Indian tribes, local governments, appropriate industries, academic institutions, and nongovernmental organizations with expertise in coastal zone science and management.

(Sec. 103) Directs the President, in consultation with the chief executive officers of the States and other specified entities, to develop and submit to Congress a report that describes and evaluates the effectiveness of measures that may be utilized to protect the environment and public health from the impacts of harmful algal blooms. Requires a period of public comment prior to submission of the report.

(Sec. 104) Requires the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to provide for local and regional scientific assessments of hypoxia and harmful algal blooms, as requested by States, Indian tribes, and local governments, or for affected areas as identified by the Secretary.

Directs the Task Force to complete and submit to Congress scientific assessments of: (1) current knowledge about harmful algal blooms in freshwater, including a research plan for coordinating Federal efforts to better understand freshwater algal blooms; (2) hypoxia in U.S. coastal waters including the Great Lakes; and (3) harmful algal blooms in U.S. coastal waters.

Requires the Task Force to develop and submit to Congress a plan providing for a comprehensive and coordinated national research program to develop and demonstrate prevention, control, and mitigation methods to reduce the impacts of harmful algal blooms on coastal ecosystems (including the Great Lakes), public health, and the economy.

(Sec. 105) Authorizes appropriations.

Title II: Miscellaneous - (Sec. 201) Authorizes the Secretary to make available to the University of Miami, by easement, lease, license, or long-term agreement, real property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on Virginia Key, Florida, for development by the University of a Marine Life Science Center.

Authorizes the use of such property by the University for the development and operation of facilities for multidisciplinary environmental and fisheries research, assessment, management, and educational activities, subject to agreement with the Secretary.

Authorizes the Secretary to enter into an agreement to occupy facilities constructed by the University on such property and to participate with the University in collaborative research at, or administered through, such facilities.

(Sec. 202) Authorizes the Secretary to convey to the Government of Mexico, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the NOAA vessel WHITING: (1) for use as a hydrographic survey platform in support of activities of the U.S.-Mexico Charting Advisors Committee; and (2) to enhance coordination between the United States and Mexico regarding hydrographic surveying and nautical charting activities in the border waters of both

countries in the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 10, 2004:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 10, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-456.
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- **Nov 29, 2004:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 20, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 20, 2004:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 20, 2004:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 20, 2004:** Mr. Ehlers asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Nov 20, 2004:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H10209-10211)
- **Nov 20, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H10210-10211)
- **Nov 20, 2004:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H10210-10211)
- **Nov 20, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 19, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 19, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11584-11586; text as passed Senate: CR S11584-11586)
- **Nov 19, 2004:** Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11584-11586; text as passed Senate: CR S11584-11586)