

HR 5340

Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Nov 13, 2006)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 13, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 21, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on July 13, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act - **Title I: Sediment and Nutrient Monitoring Network** - (Sec. 101)

Requires the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Geological Survey (USGS), to establish a nutrient and sediment monitoring network for the Upper Mississippi River Basin.

(Sec. 102) Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish guidelines for related data collection and storage activities; (2) inventory the sediment and monitoring efforts of governmental and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of creating a baseline understanding of overlap, data gaps, and redundancies; and (3) collaborate with other public and private monitoring efforts in establishing the monitoring program.

(Sec. 106) Directs the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a water resources assessment of the Basin.

Title II: Computer Modeling and Research - (Sec. 201) Requires the Director of USGS to establish: (1) a computer modeling program of nutrient and sediment sources in the Basin; and (2) an Internet-based system to distribute information about nutrient and sediment loss reduction projects and nutrient and sediment levels in the Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries.

(Sec. 203) Requires the Director to provide to Congress and make available to the public: (1) an annual report regarding monitoring activities conducted in the Basin; and (2) a progress report, every three years, regarding modeling activities.

Title III: Authorization of Appropriations and Related Matters - (Sec. 301) Authorizes appropriations to USGS, with one third made available for its Cooperative Water Program and the remainder for its Hydrologic Networks and Analysis Program, including sums to allow the Council to perform the required assessment.

(Sec. 302) Makes funds available for USGS subject to the same cost-sharing requirements as in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (which limits the USGS share to 50% of the cost in any topographic mapping or water resources data collection and investigation carried on in cooperation with a state or municipality).

(Sec. 303) Terminates the Secretary's authority to carry out this Act 10 years after its enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 13, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Sep 28, 2006:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 27, 2006:** Mr. Gohmert moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 27, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7667-7669)
- **Sep 27, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5340.
- **Sep 27, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7667-7668)
- **Sep 27, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7667-7668)
- **Sep 27, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 109-561.
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- **Jul 13, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 317.
- **Jun 21, 2006:** Subcommittee on Water and Power Discharged.
- **Jun 21, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 21, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 16, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **May 16, 2006:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **May 10, 2006:** Introduced in House
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