

HR 5450

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 21, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2006
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 29, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 50	Text similarities	May 19, 2005: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on June 29, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act - (Sec. 3) Reestablishes in the Department of Commerce the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), headed by an Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, who shall serve as the Administrator of NOAA.

Establishes within NOAA the positions of: (1) Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; (2) Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; (3) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Education; (4) up to two additional Deputy Assistant Secretaries; and (5) General Counsel.

(Sec. 5) Maintains within NOAA: (1) the National Weather Service; (2) programs to support efforts, on a continuing basis, to collect data and provide information and products regarding satellites, observations, and coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes information; and (3) programs to conduct and support research and education and the development of technologies relating to weather, climate, and the coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes.

(Sec. 8) Establishes a Science Advisory Board within NOAA.

(Sec. 9) Requires the Administrator, not later than one year after enactment of this Act, and once every five years thereafter, to: (1) provide a review of NOAA environmental data and information systems, including recommendations to address any inadequacies identified by the review; (2) develop a strategic plan that responds to such recommendations and sets forth modernization and improvement objectives for an integrated national environmental data access and archive system; and (3) develop a strategic plan for science and technology research and development (R&D) at NOAA.

(Sec. 10) Requires the Administrator, not less than once every five years, to develop, and submit to Congress, a policy on the roles of NOAA, the private sector, and the academic community in providing environmental information, products, technologies, and services.

(Sec. 11) Terminates the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970 (the executive order that established NOAA).

(Sec. 13) Requires the Administrator, not later than 18 months after enactment of this Act, to develop and submit to Congress a reorganization plan for NOAA.

(Sec. 14) Prohibits the Administrator from closing, consolidating, relocating, subdividing, or establishing a facility of NOAA unless there has been specified prior public and congressional notification, and an assessment, of any proposed changes.

(Sec. 16) Establishes certain baselines and cost controls before NOAA can enter into a contract for the development of a major program. Requires: (1) the Administrator to submit to Congress a Major Program Annual Report, including a Baseline Report, for each major program that NOAA proposes to expend funds in the subsequent fiscal year; and (2) notification to Congress when certain cost increases or schedule delays occur in a major program.

(Sec. 17) Prohibits, except as provided, a NOAA activity or function that is converted to contractor performance under Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 from being performed by the contractor or any subcontractor at a location outside of the United States.

Prohibits a contract for the procurement of goods and services that is entered into by the Administrator from being performed outside the United States unless it is to meet a requirement of NOAA for goods or services specifically at a location outside the United States, unless: (1) it is necessary for U.S. national security; (2) essential goods or services under the contract are only available from a source outside the United States; (3) the activity or function was previously performed by federal employees outside the United States; or (4) the prohibition is inconsistent with U.S. obligations under international agreements.

(Sec. 18) Requires the Administrator to submit annual reports to Congress on the contracts and subcontracts performed overseas and amount of purchases by NOAA from foreign entities.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 21, 2006:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 20, 2006:** Mr. Ehlert moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 20, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6757-6765)
- **Sep 20, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5450.
- **Sep 20, 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 H6757-6761)
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- **Sep 20, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 11, 2006:** Committee on Resources discharged.
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- **Sep 11, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 385.
- **Jun 29, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science. H. Rept. 109-545, Part I.
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- **Jun 29, 2006:** House Committee on Resources Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 11, 2006.
- **Jun 14, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 14, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- **May 31, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans.
- **May 31, 2006:** Executive Comment Requested from Commerce.
- **May 22, 2006:** Introduced in House
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