

HR 1006

Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2008

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 15, 2008
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 16, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2008 - Amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to require the collection and updating of existing practices and procedures for rescuing and rehabilitating stranded or entangled (currently, only stranded) marine mammals. Authorizes entanglement response agreements. Deems authorized responders to be government employees for purposes of specified tort claims procedures provisions.

Renames the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program as the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Funding Program and revises provisions, including adding providing for stranding events requiring emergency assistance to the program's duties. Authorizes the program to be carried out through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, or other agreements or arrangements.

Authorizes appropriations through FY2010 to carry out the Program. Revises provisions concerning administrative costs and expenses.

Establishes in the Treasury the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Emergency Fund to provide for the recovery or treatment of marine mammals, the collection of data from living or dead stranded marine mammals for scientific research regarding marine mammal health, directly related facility operation costs, and stranding events requiring emergency assistance. Authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to: (1) enter into grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, or other appropriate agreements; and (2) solicit, accept, receive, hold, administer, and use gifts, devises, and bequests.

Limits support for a project under the provisions amended by this paragraph to \$200,000 per year. (Current law limits support to 100,000 and makes no reference to the limit being per year.) Defines the term "emergency assistance" as: (1) assistance for a stranding event that is not an unusual mortality event, leads to an immediate increase in required costs in excess of regularly scheduled costs, may be cyclical or endemic, and may involve out-of-habitat animals; or (2) is determined by the Secretary to qualify for such assistance.

Authorizes appropriations through FY2010 to the Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 15, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-421.
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 881.
- **May 15, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 20, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Mar 19, 2007:** Mr. Grijalva moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 19, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2634-2635)
- **Mar 19, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1006.
- **Mar 19, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2634-2635)
- **Mar 19, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2634-2635)
- **Mar 19, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 16, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.
- **Feb 13, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E336)
- **Feb 13, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources