

HR 1834

To authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 14, 2007
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Oct 23, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 26, 2007
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 19, 2007
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	Oct 10, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 39	Related bill	Mar 27, 2007: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 90.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2008)

Title I: National Ocean Exploration Program - National Ocean Exploration Program Act - (Sec. 102) Requires the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to conduct a coordinated national ocean exploration program in NOAA that promotes collaboration with other federal ocean and undersea research and exploration programs.

(Sec. 103) Sets forth program authorities, including authorizing the Administrator to accept donations of property, data, and equipment to be applied for exploring the oceans or increasing knowledge of the oceans.

(Sec. 104) Requires the NOAA Administrator to appoint an Ocean Exploration Advisory Board.

(Sec. 105) Declares that nothing in this Act supersedes or limits the authority of the Secretary of the Interior under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

(Sec. 106) Authorizes appropriations.

Title II: Undersea Research Program - National Undersea Research Program Act of 2007 - (Sec. 202) Requires the Administrator to conduct an undersea research, exploration, education, and technology development program to increase scientific knowledge regarding management, use, and preservation of oceanic, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. Requires the program's director to cooperate with institutions of higher education and other educational marine and ocean science organizations and to make available undersea research facilities, equipment, technologies, information, and expertise to support those organizations' undersea research. Authorizes the director to enter into partnerships with the private sector to achieve program goals and to promote marine industry technological advancement.

(Sec. 204) Requires that the program be conducted through a national headquarters, a network of extramural regional undersea research centers representing all NOAA regions, and the National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology.

(Sec. 205) Specifies the research, exploration, education, and technology programs to be conducted through the network of extramural regional centers and the National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology.

(Sec. 206) Allows not more than ten percent of the program's budget to be used for administration and for priority undersea research projects not covered by funding available from centers. Requires a competition every five years to select the regional centers that will participate in the program. Requires projects supported by the regional centers to be awarded using an open and competitive process.

(Sec. 207) Authorizes appropriations.

Title III: Interagency Planning and Coordination - (Sec. 301) Requires the NOAA Administrator, and relevant governmental, non-governmental, academic, industry, and other experts, to convene an ocean exploration and undersea research technology and infrastructure task force. Requires that the task force coordinate the development of agency budgets.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2008:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 581.
- **Feb 14, 2008:** By unanimous consent, the text of H.R. 1834, as proposed to be adopted under suspension of the rules, was modified by an amendment placed at the desk.
- **Feb 14, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H963-965)
- **Feb 14, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 352 - 49 (Roll no. 62).(text: CR H963-964)
- **Feb 14, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 352 - 49 (Roll no. 62). (text: CR H963-964)
- **Feb 14, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 13, 2008:** Mr. Lipinski moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 13, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H896-900; text of measure as reported in House: CR H896-898)
- **Feb 13, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1834.
- **Feb 13, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science and Technology. H. Rept. 110-311, Part II.
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Committee on Armed Services discharged.
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 304.
- **Oct 24, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 24, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 10, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 10, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Aug 4, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110-311, Part I.
- **Jun 28, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 28, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 19, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 19, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 5, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 8, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Apr 26, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities.
- **Apr 10, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.
- **Mar 29, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 29, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.