

S 2146

A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 4, 2007
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	R · OH		Oct 4, 2007
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jan 29, 2008
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jan 30, 2008
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 30, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 3, 2008
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 28, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3754	Identical bill	Jun 10, 2008: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 447.

Authorizes the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to accept, as part of a settlement of any alleged violations of environmental law, diesel emissions reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects if the projects: (1) protect human health or the environment; (2) are related to the underlying alleged violations; (3) do not constitute activities that the defendant would otherwise be legally required to perform; and (4) do not provide funds for EPA's staff or for contractors to carry out EPA's internal operations.

Directs the Administrator, in any such settlement agreement, to require the defendant to include in the settlement documents a certification under penalty of law that the defendant would have agreed to perform a comparably valued, alternative project other than a diesel emissions reduction Supplemental Environmental Project if the Administrator were precluded by law from accepting a diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Project. States that failure by the Administrator to include this language shall not create a cause of action against the United States under the Clean Air Act or any other law or create a basis for overturning a settlement agreement entered into by the United States.

Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to include the District of Columbia as a state for purposes of grant programs for diesel emission reductions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 30, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 30, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-255.
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 18, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 17, 2008:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text as Senate agreed to House amendment: CR S5704-5705)
- **Jun 17, 2008:** Senate agreed to House amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text as Senate agreed to House amendment: CR S5704-5705)
- **Jun 17, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jun 16, 2008:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Jun 12, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5361-5362)
- **Jun 12, 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): 406 - 0 (Roll no. 413).(text: CR 6/11/2008 H5294)
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- **Jun 12, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Mr. Boucher moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5294-5296)
- **Jun 11, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2146.
- **Jun 11, 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.
- **Mar 3, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 3, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Feb 29, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1434; text as passed Senate: CR S1434)
- **Feb 29, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1434; text as passed Senate: CR S1434)
- **Feb 29, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 28, 2008:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Boxer without amendment. With written report No. 110-266.
- **Feb 28, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 585.
- **Feb 6, 2008:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.