

HR 2339

Produced Water Utilization Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: May 16, 2007

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

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Jul 31, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]

Party: Democratic • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	May 6, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Produced Water Utilization Act of 2008 - Defines "produced water" to mean water from an underground source that is brought to the surface as part of the process of exploration for or development of coalbed methane, oil, natural gas, or any other substance to be used as an energy source.

Requires the Secretary of Energy, in conjunction with an existing domestic petroleum production program of the Department of Energy, to conduct a program of research, development, and demonstration of technologies for environmentally sustainable utilization of produced water for agriculture, irrigation, municipal, or industrial uses or other environmentally sustainable purposes. Requires the program to be designed to maximize the utilization of produced water in the United States by increasing its quality and reducing its environmental impacts.

Requires that the program address: (1) produced water recovery, including research for desalination and demineralization to reduce total dissolved solids in the produced water; (2) re-injection of produced water into subsurface geological formations to increase energy production; and (3) improving safety and minimizing environmental impacts of such activities.

Requires the Secretary, through the appropriate National Laboratory, to carry out research, development, and demonstration activities that are complementary to and supportive of such program.

Authorizes appropriations.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 31, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science and Technology. H. Rept. 110-801.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 518.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Mr. Matheson moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7606-7608)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2339.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7607)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7607)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 6, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 6, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **May 31, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **May 16, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology.