HR 2381

Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Water Resources Development
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Feb 28, 2008
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 10, 2007)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act - **Title I: Sediment and Nutrient Monitoring Network** - (Sec. 101) Directs the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey (USGS), to establish a sediment and nutrient monitoring network for the Upper Mississippi River Basin.

(Sec. 102) Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish guidelines for related data collection and storage activities; (2) inventory the sediment and monitoring efforts of governmental and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of creating a baseline understanding of overlap, data gaps, and redundancies; (3) integrate the existing monitoring efforts into the network; (4) make maximum use of existing data and ongoing programs and efforts in developing the network; (5) carry out this section in coordination with the long-term estuary assessment project authorized by the Estuaries and Clean Waters Act of 2000; (6) collaborate with other public and private monitoring programs; and (7) report to Congress on the network's development.

(Sec. 106) Directs the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a water resources assessment of the Basin.

Title II: Computer Modeling and Research - (Sec. 201) Requires the Director to establish: (1) a computer modeling program to identify nutrient and sediment sources in the Basin; and (2) an Internet-based system to provide information about nutrient and sediment loss reduction programs and projects and nutrient and sediment levels in the Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries.

(Sec. 203) Requires the Director to provide to Congress and make available to the public: (1) an annual report regarding monitoring activities conducted in the Upper Mississippi River Basin; and (2) a progress report every three years regarding modeling activities.

Title III: Authorization of Appropriations and Related Matters - (Sec. 301) Authorizes appropriations to: (1) the USGS each fiscal year to carry out this Act, requiring one-third of the appropriated funds for the Cooperative Water Program and the remainder for the Hydrologic Networks and Analysis Program; and (2) the National Research Council for the water resources assessment.

(Sec. 302) Makes funds available for the Cooperative Water Program subject to the same cost-sharing requirements as specified in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2008:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.
- **Jul 11, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 10, 2007:** Mr. Sarbanes moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 10, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7447-7448)
- **Jul 10, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2381.
- **Jul 10, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7447-7448)
- **Jul 10, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7447-7448)
- **Jul 10, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 21, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **May 17, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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