

S 3106

A bill to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck.

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Jun 10, 2008

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5449)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5449) (Jun 10, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/3106>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 10, 2008
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 10, 2008
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 10, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 10, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 6531	Identical bill	<b>Oct 16, 2008:</b> Became Public Law No: 110-434.
110 S 1640	Related bill	<b>Oct 5, 2007:</b> Received in the House.

Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2008 - Amends federal copyright law to specify that the design of a vessel's hull, deck, or combination of a hull and deck, including a plug or mold are protected (currently, only the design of the vessel hull is protected, including a plug or mold and the definition of hull includes the deck).

Requires that Department of Defense rights in a registered design, including the right to build to such a design, be determined solely by provisions of federal Armed Forces law relating to rights in technical data or by the instrument under which the design was developed for the U.S. government.

Redefines "useful article" and "hull." Defines "deck" as the horizontal surface of the vessel that covers the hull, including exterior cabin and cockpit surfaces, and exclusive of masts, sails, yards, rigging, hardware, fixtures, and other attachments.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 10, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 10, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5449)
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