

HR 6531

Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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Law: 110-434 (Enacted Oct 16, 2008)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Jul 17, 2008
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jul 17, 2008
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jul 17, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 17, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3106	Identical bill	Jun 10, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5449)
110 S 1640	Related bill	Oct 5, 2007: Received in the House.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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).

Requires that Department of Defense (DOD) 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

- **Oct 16, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 16, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-434.
- **Oct 7, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 1, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 30, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10186)
- **Sep 30, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10186)
- **Sep 30, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 931.
- **Jul 23, 2008:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Mr. Scott (VA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6740-6741)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6531.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6740)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6740)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 17, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 17, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.