

## HR 1053

Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Feb 12, 2009

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Oct 1, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/1053>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Mar 12, 2009
Rep. Massa, Eric J. J. [D-NY-29]	D · NY		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 28, 2009
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Apr 28, 2009
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		May 6, 2009
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		May 7, 2009
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		May 19, 2009
Rep. Kratovil, Frank, Jr. [D-MD-1]	D · MD		Jun 3, 2009
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jul 27, 2009
Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jul 31, 2009
Rep. Nye, Glenn C. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Sep 14, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 1, 2009
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 29, 2009
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Sep 30, 2009)

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Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009 - Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the Chesapeake Executive Council, the chief executive of each Chesapeake Bay state, and the Chesapeake Bay Commission, to submit to Congress a financial report containing: (1) an interagency crosscut budget for restoration activities that protect, conserve, or restore living resources, habitat, water resources, or water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; (2) an accounting of funds received and obligated by all federal agencies for restoration activities; (3) an accounting from each state of all funds received and obligated from a federal agency for restoration activities; and (4) a description of each of the proposed federal and state restoration activities. Requires: (1) such report to describe only federal restoration activities that have funding amounts of at least \$100,000 and state restoration activities that have funding amounts of at least \$50,000; and (2) the Director to submit the report no later than 30 days after the submission of the President's annual budget to Congress.

Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and update every three years an adaptive management plan for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that includes: (1) a definition of specific and measurable objectives to improve water quality, habitat, and fisheries; (2) a process for stakeholder participation; (3) monitoring, modeling, experimentation, and other research and evaluation practices; (4) a process for modification of restoration activities that have not attained or will not attain such objectives; and (5) a process for prioritizing restoration activities and programs to which adaptive management shall be applied. Sets forth reporting requirements. Requires the Administrator to report annually to Congress on the Plan.

Requires an Independent Evaluator for the Chesapeake Bay watershed, who shall review and report to Congress every three years on restoration activities and the use of adaptive management in such activities. Requires the Evaluator to be appointed by the Administrator from among nominees submitted by the Chesapeake Executive Council.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 1, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10122-10123)
- **Sep 30, 2009:** 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): 418 - 1 (Roll no. 745).(text: CR 9/29/2009 H10012-10013)
- **Sep 30, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 418 - 1 (Roll no. 745). (text: CR 9/29/2009 H10012-10013)
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 29, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 111-272, Part I.
- **Sep 29, 2009:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Sep 29, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 153.
- **Sep 29, 2009:** Ms. Bordallo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 29, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10012-10013)
- **Sep 29, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1053.
- **Sep 29, 2009:** 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.
- **Jul 29, 2009:** Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Discharged.
- **Jul 29, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 29, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 8, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 20, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.
- **Feb 13, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Referred to House Natural Resources
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure