

## S 3345

### Big Oil Polluter Pays Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (May 11, 2010)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Big Oil Polluter Pays Act - Declares that, in any civil action for damages arising out of a maritime tort case, punitive damages may be assessed without regard to the amount of compensatory damages assessed in the action. (Thus, removes the cap ratio of 1:1 on punitive-to-compensatory damages established in the *Exxon Shipping Co. v Baker* case for the award of punitive damages.)

### **Actions Timeline**

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