

HR 3650

Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2010

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Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Nov 5, 2009
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Rep. Young, C. W. Bill [R-FL-10]	R · FL		Nov 6, 2009
Rep. Adler, John H. [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Dec 3, 2009
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Mar 11, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 30, 2009
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 30, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HRES 1168	Procedurally related	Mar 12, 2010: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
111 S 952	Related bill	Feb 4, 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 271.

Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2010 - (Sec. 4) Amends the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, through the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia, to establish and maintain a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program. Directs the Under Secretary, through the Program, to coordinate the efforts of the Task Force to: (1) develop and promote a national strategy to address and respond to marine and freshwater harmful algal bloom and hypoxia events; (2) integrate the research of federal programs that address the chemical, biological, and physical components of such events; (3) coordinate with state, tribal, and local government agencies and programs that address such events; (4) identify additional research, development, and demonstration needs and priorities; (5) integrate, coordinate, and augment existing education programs to improve public understanding and awareness of the causes, impacts, and mitigation efforts for such events; and (6) provide assistance to regional, state, tribal and local efforts to develop strategies for addressing such events.

Directs the Under Secretary to: (1) work cooperatively to avoid duplication of efforts with other agencies; and (2) work, through the Task Force, with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with respect to the freshwater aspects of the Program.

Directs the Under Secretary to: (1) maintain and enhance existing competitive grant programs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) relating to such events; (2) carry out event response activities; and (3) enhance communication and coordination among federal agencies carrying out marine and freshwater harmful algal bloom and hypoxia activities; and (4) increase the availability of analytical facilities and technologies, operational forecasts, and reference and research materials to appropriate public and private entities.

Directs the Under Secretary: (1) through the Task Force, to transmit to Congress and publish an action strategy that identifies Program activities, the timeline, and the roles and responsibilities of each federal agency in the Task Force; (2) to periodically review and revise such strategy; and (3) to report to Congress on the activities carried out, the budget for such activities, progress in implementing the strategy, and the need to revise or terminate Program activities or projects.

(Sec. 5) Requires the Under Secretary, through the Task Force, to: (1) oversee the development and implementation of regional research and action plans for addressing harmful algal bloom and hypoxia and to identify the appropriate regions and sub-regions to be addressed by each plan; (2) ensure that such plans are completed not later than 24 months after enactment of this Act and updated every five years thereafter; and (3) coordinate with state coastal management and planning officials, tribal resource management officials, and state water management and watershed officials, and consult with public health officials, emergency management officials, economists, affected industries and businesses, and scientists, in developing the plans.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Administrator, through the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force, to complete and transmit to the Congress and the President, within 12 months after enactment of this Act and every two years thereafter, a report on progress made toward attaining the goals of the Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan 2008.

(Sec. 7) Requires the Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to: (1) complete and submit to Congress and the President, within one year after enactment of this Act, an assessment of hypoxia in the coastal and estuarine waters of the Pacific Northwest; and (2) include in the regionally appropriate regional research and action plan a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia in the coastal and estuarine waters of the Pacific Northwest.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes appropriations for FY2011-FY2015.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 15, 2010:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 318.
- **Mar 12, 2010:** Rule H. Res. 1168 passed House.
- **Mar 12, 2010:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1168. (consideration: CR H1368-1375)
- **Mar 12, 2010:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3650 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. A specified amendment is in order. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of House Report 111-439 shall be considered as adopted.
- **Mar 12, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 3650.
- **Mar 12, 2010:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H1374)
- **Mar 12, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 251 - 103 (Roll No. 109). (text: CR H1368-1370)
- **Mar 12, 2010:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 251 - 103 (Roll No. 109). (text: CR H1368-1370)
- **Mar 12, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 11, 2010:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1168 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3650 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. A specified amendment is in order. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of House Report 111-439 shall be considered as adopted.
- **Mar 9, 2010:** Mr. Baird moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 9, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1182-1188; text of measure as reported in House: CR H1182-1184)
- **Mar 9, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3650.
- **Mar 9, 2010:** 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.
- **Mar 9, 2010:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1208)
- **Mar 9, 2010:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 263 - 142 (Roll no. 92).
- **Mar 9, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 263 - 142 (Roll no. 92).
- **Jan 13, 2010:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science and Technology. H. Rept. 111-396, Part I.
- **Jan 13, 2010:** Committee on Natural Resources discharged.
- **Jan 13, 2010:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 233.
- **Oct 7, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 7, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Sep 28, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.
- **Sep 28, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Sep 25, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 25, 2009:** Referred to House Science and Technology
- **Sep 25, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.
- **Sep 25, 2009:** Referred to House Natural Resources