

## HR 3671

Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

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**Current Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. (Jun 9, 2010)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Sep 29, 2009
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 29, 2009
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Sep 29, 2009
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Sep 29, 2009
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Sep 29, 2009
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Sep 29, 2009
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Sep 29, 2009
Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Sep 30, 2009
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Dec 2, 2009
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Mar 15, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 9, 2010
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 1, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 2779	Identical bill	<b>Jun 9, 2010:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 111-707.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)**

Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act - (Sec. 3) Declares that it is the policy of Congress that federal investments in the Upper Mississippi River Basin must be guided by sound science.

**Title I: Sediment and Nutrient Monitoring Network** - (Sec. 101) Directs the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Geological Survey (USGS), to establish a nutrient and sediment monitoring network for the Upper Mississippi River Basin as part of the Upper Mississippi River Stewardship Initiative.

(Sec. 102) Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish guidelines for the effective design of data collection and storage activities regarding sediment and nutrient monitoring, for the use of suitable and consistent methods for data collection, and for consistent reporting, data storage, and archiving practices; (2) inventory the sediment and monitoring efforts of governmental and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of creating a baseline understanding of overlap, data gaps, and redundancies and, on the basis of the inventory, integrate the monitoring efforts into the sediment and nutrient monitoring network; (3) collaborate with other public and private monitoring programs in establishing the network; and (4) report to Congress on the development of the network.

(Sec. 106) Directs the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a water resources assessment of the Basin.

**Title II: Computer Modeling and Research** - (Sec. 201) Requires the Director of the USGS, as part of the Initiative, to establish a computer modeling program to identify significant sources of nutrient and sediment in the Basin.

(Sec. 202) Requires the Director to establish an Internet-based system to provide information regarding: (1) programs designed to reduce sediment and nutrient loss in the Basin; (2) nutrient and sediment levels in the Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries; and (3) successful sediment and nutrient reduction projects.

(Sec. 203) Requires the Director to provide to Congress and make available to the public: (1) an annual report regarding monitoring activities conducted in the Basin; and (2) a progress report every three years regarding modeling activities.

**Title III: Authorization of Appropriations and Related Matters** - (Sec. 301) Authorizes appropriations to: (1) USGS to carry out this Act, with one-third to be made available for the Cooperative Water Program and the remainder for the Hydrologic Networks and Analysis Program; and (2) National Research Council for the water resources assessment of the Basin.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 9, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.
- **Mar 22, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Mar 19, 2010:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1668)
- **Mar 19, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 289 - 121 (Roll no. 137).(text: CR 3/18/2010 H1611-1612)
- **Mar 19, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 289 - 121 (Roll no. 137). (text: CR 3/18/2010 H1611-1612)
- **Mar 19, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 18, 2010:** Ms. Bordallo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 18, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1611-1613)
- **Mar 18, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3671.
- **Mar 18, 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.
- **Oct 1, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Sep 29, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 29, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.