

HR 4973

National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act of 2010

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Kratovil, Frank, Jr. [D-MD-1]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		May 19, 2010
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		May 20, 2010
Rep. Castle, Michael N. [R-DE-At Large]	R · DE		Jun 23, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 14, 2010
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 16, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on July 13, 2010. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act of 2010 - Amends the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (the Act) to authorize appropriations for FY2011-FY2014 to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out certain activities and services related to fish and wildlife, including for expenses related to gift acceptance, volunteer services, community partnership projects and programs, and refuge education programs.

Amends the National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer and Community Partnership Enhancement Act of 1998 to direct the Secretary, through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to carry out a National Volunteer Coordination Program within the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Requires the Director to: (1) publish a national strategy for the coordination and utilization of volunteers within the System; and (2) provide at least one regional volunteer coordinator for each Service region to implement such strategy. Makes such coordinators responsible for assisting partner organizations in implementing volunteer projects and activities under cooperative agreements the Secretary may enter into pursuant to the Act.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out the National Volunteer Coordination Program through FY2014.

Requires the Secretary to submit a report to Congress that: (1) evaluates the accomplishments of the volunteer program, the community partnerships program, and the refuge education programs authorized under the Act, and of the National Volunteer Coordination Program and the national strategy; and (2) makes recommendations for improving the effectiveness of such programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 4, 2011:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 4, 2011:** Became Public Law No: 111-357.
- **Dec 28, 2010:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 17, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10444)
- **Dec 17, 2010:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10444)
- **Dec 17, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2010:** Cleared for White House.
- **Dec 14, 2010:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Boxer without amendment. With written report No. 111-366.
- **Dec 14, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 693.
- **Nov 30, 2010:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 14, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Jul 13, 2010:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 111-531.
- **Jul 13, 2010:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 304.
- **Jul 13, 2010:** Ms. Bordallo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 13, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5515-5516)
- **Jul 13, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4973.
- **Jul 13, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5515-5516)
- **Jul 13, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5515-5516)
- **Jul 13, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 16, 2010:** Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Discharged.
- **Jun 16, 2010:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 16, 2010:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 6, 2010:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 31, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.
- **Mar 25, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 25, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.