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BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Inquiry Commission Act of 2010

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 10, 2010
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2010
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 3344	Related bill	May 11, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of May 6, 2010)

BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Inquiry Commission Act of 2010 - Establishes the BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Inquiry Commission to investigate: (1) the performance of BP Exploration and Production, Inc., Transocean, Ltd., and other entities affiliated with the Mobile Drilling Unit Deepwater Horizon; (2) their compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations (including their conformance with their own practices and industry practices); (3) the performance of federal, state, and local agencies responsible for oversight, inspection, and enforcement; and (4) the compliance of such agencies with federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing their actions.

Requires the Commission to evaluate: (1) current and future impact of the oil disaster on the environment, economy, and public health; (2) the adequacy of the response to the oil disaster; (3) the implications of the oil disaster, and any risk of other such disasters, for offshore oil and gas activities by the United States; and (4) the availability and accuracy of baseline data against which the impact of the oil disaster may be measured.

Requires the Commission to develop recommendations to: (1) improve the response to the oil disaster, including through modification of proposed plans to mitigate and monitor its impact; and (2) minimize the risk and mitigate the impact of future such disasters (including changes to federal law and regulations and improvements in industry practices).

Sets forth powers of the Commission, including subpoena powers.

Actions Timeline

- **May 10, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 7, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **May 7, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **May 6, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3206)
- **May 6, 2010:** Referred to House Natural Resources
- **May 6, 2010:** 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.
- **May 6, 2010:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure