

HR 5503

Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act

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Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2010
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2010
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Rep. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jun 30, 2010
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 30, 2010
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Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 13, 2010
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 1, 2010
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 11, 2010
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 3600	Related bill	Jul 15, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act - (Sec. 2) Amends the Death on the High Seas Act to permit the personal representative of a decedent to bring a civil action in admiralty or law (limited to admiralty under current law) against the person or vessel responsible for the decedent's death when the death was caused by wrongful act, neglect, or default occurring on the high seas beyond three nautical miles from the shore of the United States. Limits the right to bring such an action to the decedent's survivors only (including, as under current law, spouse, parent, child, or dependent relative).

Allows recovery in such an action for fair compensation for nonpecuniary loss (limited to pecuniary loss under current law), plus a fair compensation for the decedent's pain and suffering. Defines "nonpecuniary loss" as loss of care, comfort, and companionship.

(Sec. 3) Amends the Jones Act to allow recovery for the loss of the care, comfort, and companionship of a seaman who died in the course of employment.

Removes restrictions on the bringing of actions under U.S. maritime law by workers who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents against a mineral or energy company for personal injury or death occurring in the territorial waters or continental shelf of a foreign country.

(Sec. 4) Repeals specified general limitations on a shipowner's liability (the Limitation of Liability Act) for personal injury or death on seagoing vessels.

(Sec. 5) Amends the bankruptcy code to prohibit a trustee in bankruptcy from selling or leasing, except in the ordinary course of business, significant property of the estate of a debtor liable for a claim for wrongful death, personal injury, or property damage arising from an incident under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 unless: (1) more than one-half of the creditors, holding at least two-thirds the dollar aggregate amount of the claims not paid by the debtor, consent to such sale or lease; or (2) the court finds, after notice and a hearing, that all such claims will be paid because sufficient property will remain in the estate or the debtor's anticipated future income will be sufficient.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 13, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 1, 2010:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 1, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5330-5336)
- **Jul 1, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5503.
- **Jul 1, 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 H5330)
- **Jul 1, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5330)
- **Jul 1, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 111-521, Part I.
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 296.
- **Jun 23, 2010:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 23, 2010:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 16 - 11.
- **Jun 11, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 11, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jun 10, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 10, 2010:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Jun 10, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.
- **Jun 10, 2010:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure