

S 685

Oil Spill Prevention Act of 2010

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism. (Nov 23, 2010)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 18, 2009
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 23, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 29, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2010
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 15, 2009
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 23, 2010
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Oil Spill Prevention Act of 2010 - (Sec. 2) Requires double hull protection of oil fuel tanks on certain vessels with a tank capacity of at least 600 cubic meters. Defines "oil fuel" as any oil used as fuel in connection with the vessel's propulsion and auxiliary machinery.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to: (1) provide guidance to all vessel traffic personnel that clearly defines the use of authority to direct or control vessel movement when such direction or control is justified in the interest of safety; and (2) require vessel traffic personnel communications to identify the vessel, rather than the pilot, when vessels are operating in vessel traffic service pilotage areas.

Requires the Secretary to identify, and report to Congress concerning, requirements for the necessary expansion, improvement, or construction of buildings, networks, communications, or other infrastructure to improve the effectiveness of existing vessel traffic service systems, or necessary to support recommended new vessel traffic service systems, including all necessary costs for construction, reconstruction, expansion, or improvement.

Requires a review and validation of the recruiting, retention, training, and expansion of vessel traffic service personnel.

(Sec. 4) Requires that at least one trained and experienced pollution investigator be on duty or on call at all times for each Coast Guard Sector Command.

(Sec. 5) Modifies requirements regarding the duration of merchant mariner's documents and certificates of registry.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes the extending of licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariner's documents in specified circumstances. Terminates that authorization on December 31, 2011.

(Sec. 7) Limits to one the number of reports regarding port security terrorism exercises that the Coast Guard is required to submit each year to the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations.

(Sec. 8) Requires that compliance with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 23, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism.
- **Nov 15, 2010:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 15, 2010:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
- **Nov 15, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and the Budget, 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.
- **Nov 15, 2010:** Referred to House Homeland Security
- **Nov 15, 2010:** Referred to House Budget
- **Sep 30, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 2010:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7764-7769; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S7764-7768)
- **Sep 29, 2010:** The committee amendments were withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 29, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 29, 2010:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 15, 2009:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Rockefeller with amendments. With written report No. 111-26.
- **Jun 15, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 77.
- **May 20, 2009:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3685-3686)
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.