

HR 2431

National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2014

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Law: 113-86 (Enacted Mar 6, 2014)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

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| Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3] | D · NM | | Jun 19, 2013 |
| Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21] | R · TX | | Jun 19, 2013 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Science, Space, and Technology Committee | House | Referred to | Sep 24, 2013 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 113 S 376 | Related bill | Feb 4, 2014: Held at the desk. |

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on February 10, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2014 - Amends the National Integrated Drought Information System Act of 2006 to specify that the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) Program's purpose shall be to better inform and provide for more timely decisionmaking to reduce drought related impacts and costs.

Revises NIDIS functions to require the NIDIS, among other things, to: (1) provide an effective drought early warning system consisting of certain information, forecasts, and assessments on both national and regional levels; (2) build upon existing forecasting and assessment programs and partnerships through designation of one or more cooperative institutes to assist with NIDIS functions; and (3) continue ongoing research and monitoring activities related to drought and the role of extreme weather events and climate variability in drought.

Requires the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere (who is also the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA]) to report to Congress on the NIDIS Program.

Reauthorizes NIDIS through FY2018.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2014:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 6, 2014:** Became Public Law No: 113-86.
- **Feb 27, 2014:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 26, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 25, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1132)
- **Feb 25, 2014:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1132)
- **Feb 11, 2014:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 307.
- **Feb 10, 2014:** Mr. Hall moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 10, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1691-1693)
- **Feb 10, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2431.
- **Feb 10, 2014:** 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.
- **Feb 10, 2014:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1697-1698)
- **Feb 10, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 365 - 21 (Roll no. 55).(text: CR H1691)
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- **Feb 6, 2014:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 113-348.
- **Feb 6, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 258.
- **Dec 5, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 5, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 24, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Jun 19, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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