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Drought Information Act of 2013

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Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

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

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Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 25, 2013
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Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 25, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 28, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2431	Related bill	Mar 6, 2014: Became Public Law No: 113-86.

Drought Information Act of 2013 - Amends the National Integrated Drought Information System Act of 2006 to specify that: (1) the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere shall continue to support the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) Program, and (2) the 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 to, among other things: (1) provide certain information (including concerning water supplies and soil moisture), forecasts, and assessments described in the Act on both national and regional levels; and (2) 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 to provide a report to Congress concerning the NIDIS Program that includes a list of partners with whom the Under Secretary collaborates on NIDIS implementation and a description of NIDIS outreach activities.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out the Act through FY2018.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 4, 2014:** Received in the House.
- **Feb 4, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 4, 2014:** Held at the desk.
- **Feb 3, 2014:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S703-704)
- **Feb 3, 2014:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (text of committee substitute: CR S703-704)
- **Feb 3, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S704)
- **Feb 3, 2014:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S704)
- **Oct 28, 2013:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Rockefeller with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 113-114.
- **Oct 28, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 222.
- **Jul 30, 2013:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 25, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 25, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.