

HR 1135

Defending Our Great Lakes Act of 2015

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Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Apr 13, 2015
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 589	Identical bill	Feb 26, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Defending Our Great Lakes Act of 2015

This bill requires federal agencies to take immediate actions to prevent the upstream transfer of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin through the Brandon Road Lock and Dam site. The actions must place a special focus on Asian carp species and other aquatic nuisance species of concern to the Great Lakes referred to in the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Army Corps must implement measures to improve the site to prevent the upstream transfer of Asian carp and other aquatic nuisance species swimming through the lock and dam, including by constructing an engineered channel in the approach to the site from the Mississippi River direction.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must implement all appropriate measures around the site on the Illinois River to prevent the upstream transfer of swimming and floating aquatic nuisance species, with a focus on Asian carp species.

Federal entities must take actions for the long-term prevention of the transfer of aquatic nuisance species between the Mississippi River and Great Lakes basins, including through the Chicago Area Waterway System. The Army Corps must design, engineer, and construct flood mitigation and water quality measures on the Chicago Area Waterway System related to preventing such transfer.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E260-261)
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.