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Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 29, 2015
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 8, 2015
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 8, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 18, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 20, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 28, 2016
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 27, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6321	Identical bill	Nov 18, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

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This bill revises and reauthorizes through FY2019 the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009.

The Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) is a network of federal and regional entities that provide information about the nation's coasts and oceans, as well as the Great Lakes.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must: (1) serve as the lead federal agency for the implementation of the IOOS, and (2) establish an IOOS Program Office to oversee daily operations and coordination of the IOOS. The bill outlines the requirements for NOAA as the lead agency.

The bill establishes a process for regional associations to certify their regional coastal observing systems.

The Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology of the National Science and Technology Council must: (1) conduct an Ocean Chemistry Coastal Community Vulnerability Assessment on ocean acidification within a year and every five years thereafter; and (2) develop a plan to deploy ocean acidification sensors prioritized by the threat to coastal economies and ecosystems, gaps in data on ocean acidification, and research needs.

The National Science Foundation's research on ocean acidification must include research on: (1) impacts of multiple stressors on ecosystems exhibiting hypoxia (a dead zone that is depleted of oxygen), harmful algal blooms (rapid accumulation of algae), or sediment delivery; and (2) the effects of those impacts combined with changes in ocean chemistry.

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## Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** The committee substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6085-6088)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S6086-6088)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6086-6088)
- **Sep 20, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-354.
- **Sep 20, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 636.
- **Dec 9, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.