

## S 3165

### Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Jul 12, 2016

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Jul 12, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/3165>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 12, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 12, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6412	Identical bill	<b>Nov 30, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## **Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2016**

This bill amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to revise requirements governing the liability of parties that are responsible for oil discharges from offshore facilities into navigable waters or adjoining shorelines. Currently, responsible parties are liable for the total of all removal costs plus \$75 million. The bill: (1) removes the cap of \$75 million on liability, and (2) makes the responsible parties liable for all covered damages. Covered damages includes damages for: (1) loss of natural resources, property, revenue, or profits; or (2) costs of providing increased public services during or after removal activities, such as fire protection.

### **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Jul 12, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.