

HR 3655

EPA Pays Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]
Party: Republican • State: GA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Oct 9, 2015
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Oct 26, 2015
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Feb 23, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 2, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 1, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) by making the U.S. government liable for economic damages it caused, including damages that resulted while it was providing assistance in cleaning up hazardous substances.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must reimburse the Department of the Treasury for the cost of CERCLA claims for money damages against the United States.

The EPA must make those reimbursements from the unobligated balance of amounts in the "Environmental Programs and Management" account. The EPA must first use amounts in that account that are for outreach. If sufficient amounts are not available from outreach funding, the EPA must use amounts made available for enforcement, and then amounts available for the clean air and climate program area.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 27, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7193-7194)
- **Oct 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Sep 30, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 30, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.