

## S 375

A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introd

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1162) (Feb 14, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/375>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Feb 15, 2017
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Feb 15, 2017
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 27, 2017
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 5, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to revise provisions governing citizen suits against the Department of the Interior or the Department of Commerce, as appropriate, that allege a failure of the relevant department to perform an act or duty related to an endangered species or threatened species. Interior must publish the complaint in a citizen suit within 30 days of being served. Affected parties shall be given a reasonable opportunity to intervene in the suit. If affected parties intervene, the court must refer the action to a mediation program or magistrate judge to facilitate settlement discussions.

The court is prohibited from: (1) awarding litigation costs in a citizen suit that is settled by a consent decree, or (2) awarding litigation costs to a plaintiff in a citizen suit that is settled.

Interior must provide notice of a proposed settlement to each state or county in which an affected species occurs. A settlement can only be approved if states or counties approve the settlement or fail to respond.

### **Actions Timeline**

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