

HR 953

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017

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Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2017
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Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 7, 2017
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Feb 7, 2017
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Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Feb 7, 2017
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Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 7, 2017
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Feb 7, 2017
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Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Feb 7, 2017
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Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Feb 7, 2017
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Feb 7, 2017
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Feb 7, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Feb 7, 2017
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Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Mar 2, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Mar 2, 2017
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Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Mar 2, 2017
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Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 18, 2017
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		May 18, 2017

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Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		May 22, 2017
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		May 22, 2017
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		May 22, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		May 22, 2017
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 22, 2017
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		May 22, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Reported By	May 18, 2017
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 25, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 8, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2	Related bill	Dec 20, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-334.
115 S 2663	Related bill	Apr 12, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
115 HRES 348	Procedurally related	May 23, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 S 340	Related bill	Feb 7, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of May 24, 2017)

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency or a state from requiring a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for a discharge of a pesticide from a point source into navigable waters if the discharge is approved under FIFRA. Point source pollution is waste discharged from a distinct place, such as a pipe, channel, or tunnel.

(Sec. 3) NPDES permits are required for: (1) a discharge resulting from the application of a pesticide in violation of FIFRA that is relevant to protecting water quality, if the discharge would not have occurred but for the violation or the amount of pesticide or pesticide residue contained in the discharge is greater than would have occurred without the violation; (2) stormwater discharges regulated under NPDES; and (3) discharges regulated under NPDES of manufacturing or industrial effluent or treatment works effluent and discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, including a discharge resulting from operations concerning ballast water held in ships to increase stability or vessel biofouling prevention.

Actions Timeline

- **May 25, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **May 24, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 348. (consideration: CR H4535-4553)
- **May 24, 2017:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 953 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-21.
- **May 24, 2017:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 348 and Rule XVIII.
- **May 24, 2017:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Jeff Duncan to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **May 24, 2017:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 953.
- **May 24, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 348, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Esty (CT) amendment.
- **May 24, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Esty (CT) amendment, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Esty (CT) demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on passage of the bill until later in the legislative day.
- **May 24, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 348, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Huffman amendment.
- **May 24, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Huffman amendment, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Huffman demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on passage of the bill until later in the legislative day.
- **May 24, 2017:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on amendments, which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **May 24, 2017:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 953.
- **May 24, 2017:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **May 24, 2017:** Mr. McGovern moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- **May 24, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to prohibit the Act, including any amendments from applying to the discharge of a pesticide if the manufacturer or distributor of the pesticide has made a political contribution to the President or to any Federal official charged with registration, regulation, or approval of the use of the pesticide.
- **May 24, 2017:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **May 24, 2017:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 183 - 230 (Roll no. 281).
- **May 24, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 256 - 165 (Roll no. 282). (text: CR H4545)
- **May 24, 2017:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 256 - 165 (Roll no. 282). (text: CR H4545)
- **May 24, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2017:** Rule H. Res. 348 passed House.
- **May 22, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 348 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 953 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-21.
- **May 18, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 115-131, Part I.
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported.

Feb 8, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

• **Feb 7, 2017:** Introduced in House

• **Feb 7, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.