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Save Our Seas 2.0: Enhanced Global Engagement to Combat Marine Debris Act

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Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 25, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 26, 2019

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1982	Related bill	Dec 18, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-224.
116 HR 3969	Related bill	Aug 29, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

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This bill directs the Department of State and the President to make efforts to reduce marine debris. The State Department shall implement the U.S. policy to cooperate with foreign governments and the private sector to combat marine debris, which includes support for (1) strengthening systems for processing and reusing waste plastic, (2) developing and using reusable alternatives to disposable plastic products, and (3) deploying technology for capturing value from post-consumer materials and municipal solid waste streams.

The President shall direct U.S. representatives to various international bodies to support U.S. marine debris policies. The Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to build partnerships in support such policies.

The State Department shall report to Congress on the potential for entering into new agreements or creating a new forum to reduce land-based sources of marine debris and derelict fishing gear.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2019:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Risch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 26, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 239.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Jul 31, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 31, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.