

## S 2981

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Dec 4, 2019

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-259.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-259. (Dec 23, 2020)

**Law:** 116-259 (Enacted Dec 23, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2981>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]

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

#### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 4, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 1, 2020

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 30, 2020

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3930	Related bill	Jun 10, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 S 2910	Related bill	Nov 20, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 2406	Related bill	Sep 18, 2019: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 14.

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This bill revises provisions related to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

Among other provisions, the bill sets forth new requirements for the corps concerning

- commissioned grades and operational strength numbers,
- obligated service requirements,
- training and physical fitness,
- education loan assistance,
- recruitment,
- hiring and promotions,
- separation and retirement,
- sexual harassment and assault prevention, and
- other workforce issues.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 23, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 23, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-259.
- **Dec 11, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 4, 2020:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6840)
- **Dec 4, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 265 - 124 (Roll no. 233).(text: 12/03/2020 CR H6111-6119)
- **Dec 4, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 265 - 124 (Roll no. 233). (text: 12/03/2020 CR H6111-6119)
- **Dec 4, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Mr. Case moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6111-6124)
- **Dec 3, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2981.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6698-6712)
- **Nov 16, 2020:** The committee amendment withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (CR S6712)
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6974-6981)
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6974-6981)
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment. With written report No. 116-273.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 561.
- **Dec 11, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Dec 4, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 4, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.