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Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2020

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 22, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4887	Related bill	Nov 10, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 7781	Related bill	Sep 3, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

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This bill revises requirements governing the liability of parties that are responsible for oil discharges from offshore facilities into navigable waters or adjoining shorelines. Under current law, responsible parties are liable for the total of all removal costs plus \$75 million. The bill removes the cap of \$75 million on liability and makes the responsible parties liable for all covered damages. Covered damages includes damages for (1) loss of natural resources, property, revenue, or profits; or (2) costs of providing increased public services during or after removal activities, such as fire protection.

Actions Timeline

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