

S 910

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 1, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 1, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 18, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 13, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 729	Related bill	Dec 12, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 2405	Related bill	Dec 5, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 262.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2024 and revises the National Sea Grant College Program, through which the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) supports university-based programs that focus on studying, conserving, and effectively using U.S. coastal resources.

Among other things, the bill requires NOAA to award Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowships. Currently, NOAA has discretion in awarding such fellowships. The fellowships support the placement of graduate students in fields related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources in positions with the executive and legislative branches.

The bill reauthorizes through FY2024 grants for (1) university research on the biology, prevention, and control of aquatic nonnative species; (2) university research on oyster diseases, oyster restoration, and oyster-related human health risks; (3) university research on the biology, prevention, and forecasting of harmful algal blooms; and (4) fishery extension activities conducted by sea grant colleges or sea grant institutes to enhance existing core program funding.

The bill authorizes grants for (1) priority issues identified in the National Sea Grant Program's strategic plan, and (2) university research on sustainable aquaculture techniques and technologies.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-221.
- **Dec 8, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7188)
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 910 by Voice Vote.
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- **Nov 17, 2020:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Mr. Huffman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5741-5744)
- **Nov 16, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 910.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5741-5743)
- **Nov 16, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5741-5743)
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5999-6000)
- **Sep 30, 2020:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S5990-5991)
- **Feb 13, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-216.
- **Feb 13, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 426.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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