

## S 914

Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Mar 27, 2019

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-271.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-271. (Dec 31, 2020)

**Law:** 116-271 (Enacted Dec 31, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/914>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] | D · WA        |      | Mar 27, 2019 |
| Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]   | R · AK        |      | Apr 1, 2019  |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]  | D · MN        |      | Dec 3, 2020  |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Reported By | Dec 5, 2019  |
| Financial Services Committee                    | House   | Referred To | Sep 24, 2020 |
| Natural Resources Committee                     | House   | Referred To | Sep 24, 2020 |
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee        | House   | Referred To | Sep 24, 2020 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-----------|--------------|---|
| 116 S 810 | Related bill | <b>Mar 14, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 and revises the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System (IOOS), which is a network of federal and regional entities that provide information about the nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, as well as new tools and forecasts to improve safety, enhance the economy, and protect the environment.

The bill revises the authority of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to conduct scientific assessments related to storms, including to (1) direct NOAA to seek public input before the Named Storm Event Model (the official meteorological and oceanographic computerized model which utilizes data to replicate the magnitude, timing, and spatial variations of winds, rainfall, and storm surges associated with named storms for which post-storm assessments are conducted) takes effect, and (2) allow NOAA to deploy sensors to areas in coastal states that are at the highest risk of experiencing geophysical events that would cause indeterminate losses.

The bill provides statutory authority for NOAA's National Water Center. (The center currently exists at NOAA as the research and operational center of excellence for hydrologic analyses, forecasting, and related decision support services.)

Additionally, the bill directs the National Weather Service (NWS) to make a policy directive for the National Water Center publicly available. The NWS must also (1) initiate and lead all research and development activities to develop operational water resource prediction and related decision support products, (2) collaborate with relevant state and federal agencies regarding total water prediction, and (3) collaboratively develop capabilities necessary for total water predictive capacity.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 31, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 31, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-271.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 914 by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7556)
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 914 by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7556)
- **Dec 7, 2020:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Mr. Case moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6102-6108)
- **Dec 3, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 914.
- **Dec 3, 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 H6102-6107)
- **Dec 3, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6102-6107)
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 24, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Financial Services, 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.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 4, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4647)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S4639-4644)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S4639-4644)
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker without amendment. With written report No. 116-168.
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 318.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.