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### Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Jan 26, 2021

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 223.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 223. (Dec 17, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/46>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 26, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 26, 2021
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 26, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 27, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 16, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 160	Identical bill	<b>Dec 14, 2022:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 450.
117 HR 9453	Related bill	<b>Dec 7, 2022:</b> Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.
117 S 5199	Related bill	<b>Dec 7, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S7035-7036)

## Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021

This bill addresses the conservation and sustainability of coral reef ecosystems.

Among other things, the bill

- reauthorizes through FY2026 and revises various activities under the Coral Reef Conservation Program;
- requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish standards for identifying individual coral reefs and ecologically significant units of coral reefs;
- directs NOAA to provide block grants to states to support state coral reef management and restoration;
- directs NOAA to designate two reef research coordination institutes to advance and sustain essential capabilities in coral reef research;
- provides statutory authority for the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force to lead, coordinate, and strengthen federal government actions to preserve, conserve, and restore coral reef ecosystems;
- authorizes the Department of the Interior to provide scientific expertise, technical assistance, and financial assistance for the conservation and restoration of coral reefs; and
- establishes a National Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 17, 2021:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 17, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 223.
- **Dec 15, 2021:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 26, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 26, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.