

HR 5324

NWR Modernization Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Sep 22, 2021

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		May 3, 2022
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		May 3, 2022
Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	R · KS		May 3, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2022
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	May 6, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act of 2021 or the NWR Modernization Act of 2021

This bill provides for the expansion of, and upgrades to, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio All Hazards network (NWR).

NOAA shall expand coverage of NWR and ensure its reliability by

- maintaining support for existing systems serving areas not covered by cellular service or having poor quality cellular service;
- ensuring consistent maintenance of, and timely repairs to, broadcast transmitter site equipment and antennas; and
- enhancing the ability to amplify Non-Weather Emergency Messages via NWR as necessary.

NOAA shall complete an assessment of access to NWR.

NOAA shall enhance NWR to ensure its capabilities and coverage remain valuable to the public. In carrying out such activities, NOAA must prioritize practices, capabilities, and technologies recommended by the assessment to maximize accessibility, particularly in remote and underserved areas of the country.

Actions Timeline

- **May 12, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **May 11, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4832)
- **May 11, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 397 - 20 (Roll no. 151).
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- **May 11, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 10, 2022:** Ms. Stevens moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 10, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4729-4731)
- **May 10, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5324.
- **May 10, 2022:** 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.
- **May 6, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 117-308.
- **May 6, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 228.
- **Nov 16, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 16, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 22, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.