

## S 558

### FLOODS Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Mar 3, 2021

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 117-316.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-316. (Dec 27, 2022)

**Law:** 117-316 (Enacted Dec 27, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/558>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI] | D · MI        |      | Mar 3, 2021  |
| Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]     | R · IA        |      | Apr 22, 2021 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ        |      | Sep 21, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity        | Date        |
|---|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Discharged From | Oct 1, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

| Bill          | Relationship | Last Action  |
|---------------|--------------|--|
| 117 HRES 1518 | Related bill | <b>Dec 14, 2022:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |
| 117 HR 1438   | Related bill | <b>Apr 7, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.         |

## **Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act or the FLOODS Act**

This act addresses forecasting and the communication of flood, tornado, and hurricane events by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

For example, the act directs NOAA to establish a National Integrated Flood Information System to inform and provide for timely decisions to reduce flood-related effects and costs.

NOAA must also establish partnerships with institutions of higher education and federal agencies to improve total water predictions. In addition, NOAA must (1) evaluate and improve flash flood watches and warnings, (2) estimate and communicate the frequency of precipitation, and (3) identify gaps in the availability of snow-related data to assess and predict floods and flood impacts.

Further, NOAA must ensure that the tornado warning improvement and extension program periodically examines the value of incorporating innovative observations, such as acoustic or infrasonic measurements, observations from phased array radars, and observations from mesonets (i.e., a network of certain weather observing stations).

In addition, the National Weather Service must designate a service coordination hydrologist at each of its River Forecast Centers to increase impact-based decision support services at the state and local level.

Finally, the act establishes an Interagency Committee on Water Management and Infrastructure to ensure that federal agencies that engage in water-related matters work together where such agencies have joint or overlapping responsibilities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 27, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 27, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-316.
- **Dec 23, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1518, proceedings on S. 558 are considered vacated.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 1518, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1082, as amended; H.R. 5349; H.R. 6218; H.R. 6220; H.R. 6221; H.R. 6611, as amended; H.R. 6630; H.R. 6725; H.R. 7077, agreed to Senate amendment; H.R. 7832; H.R. 8665; S. 558; and S. 789. S. 558; and S. 789.
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- **Dec 12, 2022:** Mr. Beyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 12, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9653, H9656-9658; text: CR H9653-9656)
- **Dec 12, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 558.
- **Dec 12, 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.
- **Oct 1, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 1, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 1, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6856-6860)
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S6857-6860)
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6857-6860)
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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