

HR 4877

Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Jul 25, 2023

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (May 1, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lee, Summer L. [D-PA-12]

Party: Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Jul 25, 2023
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Jul 25, 2023
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Jul 25, 2023
Rep. Foushee, Valerie P. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Sep 1, 2023
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Sep 1, 2023
Rep. Frost, Maxwell [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Sep 5, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 1, 2024
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 429	Related bill	Feb 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill requires the Department of Energy (DOE) to establish a research, development, and demonstration program concerning abandoned oil and gas wells. Under the program, DOE must work to improve (1) data collection on the location of abandoned oil or gas wells; (2) the plugging, remediation, reclamation, and repurposing of the wells; and (3) strategies to mitigate potential environmental impacts of documented and undocumented abandoned wells. The program terminates after five years.

Actions Timeline

- **May 1, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2713-2714)
- **Apr 30, 2024:** 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): 333 - 75 (Roll no. 157). (text: 04/29/2024 CR H2656)
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- **Apr 30, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Mr. Lucas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2656-2658)
- **Apr 29, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4877.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** 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.
- **Sep 22, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 118-215.
- **Sep 22, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 175.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 35 - 0.
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.