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Senate Bills

S. 3663

Senator Reid (D-NV) introduced Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act of 2010 (S.3663). Among other things, this bill would:

- Remove the limits of liability for offshore facilities.
- Increase the limits of liability for vessels.
- Enhance response planning requirements.
- Amend the 1851 Limitation of Liability Act.
- Increase the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to 45 cents per barrel of oil

28 July 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar.

S. 3661

Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced a bill (S.3661) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure the safe and proper use of dispersants in the event of an oil spill or release of hazardous substances.

28 July 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3643

Senator McConnell (R-KY) introduced a bill (S.3643) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to:

- Establish in the Department of the Interior (DOI) not more than 2 bureaus to carry out the leasing, permitting, and safety and environmental regulatory functions related to the outer Continental Shelf.
- Establish in the DOI an office to carry out the royalty and revenue management functions vested in the Secretary by this Act and the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982.
- Establish, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act an Outer Continental Shelf Safety and Environmental Advisory Board.
- Provide DOI with direct hiring authority for critical personnel.

26 July 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 483.

S. 3641

Senator Whitehouse (D-RI) introduced a bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of United States' ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (S.3641). The Endowment would be funded from revenue from interest on the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, OCS leasing revenue, and fines for violations of federal law occurring in the exclusive economic zone.

22 July 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3614

Senator Hutchinson (R-TX) introduced a bill (S.3614) to direct the Coast Guard to:

- Establish a Maritime Center of Expertise for Maritime Oil Spill and Hazardous Substance Release Response.

- Maintain a National Strike Force to facilitate preparedness for and response to maritime oil spill and hazardous substance release incidents.
- Maintain district preparedness and response teams.
- Certify and annually inspect oil spill response organizations.

19 July 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

22 July 2010: Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S. 3603

Senator Cantwell (D-WA) introduced the Oil Spill Technology and Research Act of 2010 (S.3603) to:

- Establish a Federal Oil Spill Research Committee to establish a program to conduct oil pollution research and development.
- Require spill response plans to be updated at least every 5 years to require the use of best available technology and methods.

15 July 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3600

Senator Rockefeller (D-WV) the Fairness in Admiralty and Maritime Law Act (S.3600) to:

- Repeal the Limitation of Shipowners' Liability Act of 1851.
- Amend the Jones Act, the Death on the High Seas Act, and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 with respect to liability of vessel owners and operators for damages.

The amendments would apply to causes of action and claims arising after 19 April 2010.

15 July 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3597

Senator Rockefeller (D-WV) introduced the Securing Health for Ocean Resources and Environment Act (S.3597) to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, response, restoration, and research.

15 July 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

27 July 2010: Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S. 3588

Senator Vitter (R-LA) a bill (S.3588) to limit the moratorium on certain permitting and drilling activities issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

15 July 2010: Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 463.

S. 3580

Senator Begich (D-AK) introduced the Resources for Oil Spill Research and Prevention Act (S.3580) to permit funds in the Oil Spill Liability Trust to be used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and other Federal agencies for certain research, prevention, and response capabilities with

respect to discharges of oil, for environmental studies, and for grant programs to communities affected by oil spills on the outer Continental Shelf, and to provide funding for such uses.

14 July 2010: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 3569

Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) introduced the Subsea Hydrocarbon Imagery and Planning Act of 2010 (S.3569) to direct the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere shall conduct a comprehensive review of the current state of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the capacity of the Administration to monitor, map, and track subsea hydrocarbons.

12 July 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3545

Senator Landrieu (D-LA) introduced the Gulf of Mexico Economic Recovery and Job Impact Analysis Act of 2010 (S. 3545) to require a the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to conduct a study of the effect of a 6-month moratorium on new deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico on small businesses.

29 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S. 3542

Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced a bill (S. 3542) that would:

- Create a system to resolve claims of victims for economic injury caused by the Deepwater Horizon incident;
- Establish a National Commission on Outer Continental Shelf Oil Spill Prevention to investigate and report on corrective measures to prevent similar incidents;
- Require the President to review and revise the limits of liability or OCS facilities under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990;
- Increase funding to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund;
- Promote and coordinate Federal oil spill research; mandate revenue sharing from OCS leases with certain coastal States; and
- Create a Gulf of Mexico regional Citizens' Advisory Council.

28 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 3541

Senator Feinstein (D-CA) introduced a bill (S. 3541) it would:

- Prohibit royalty incentives for OCS drilling in water depths of $\geq 400\text{m}$; and
- Repeal the royalty relief provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

28 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 3525

Senator McCain (R-AZ) introduced the Open America's Waters Act (S. 3525) to alter the effect of certain limited provisions of the Jones Act's restrictions on coastwise trade. Senator McCain issued a news release describing the legislation's effect as being broader than it appears in the proposed legislation.

23 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3516

Senator Bingaman (D-NM) introduced the Outer Continental Shelf Reform Act of 2010 (S. 3516) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.

24 June 2010: Hearing held by Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

30 June 2010: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.

28 July 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 492. Senate Report: 111-236.

S. 3515

Senator Shaheen (D-NH) introduced the Department of the Interior Research and Technologies for Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 2010 (S. 3515) to authorize and enhance the programs of the Department of the Interior relating to the detection of, response to, and mitigation and cleanup of oil spills on Federal land managed by the Department, and for other purposes.

21 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

30 June 2010: Committee on Environment and Public Works: Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S. 3514

Senator Begich (D-AK) introduced the Guaranteed Oil Spill Compensation Act of 2010 (S. 3514) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit a person from entering into any Federal oil or gas lease or contract unless the person pays into an Oil Spill Recovery Fund, or posts a bond, in an amount equal to the total of the outstanding liability of the person and any removal costs incurred by, or on behalf of, the person with respect to any oil discharge for which the person has outstanding liability, and for other purposes.

21 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3512

Senator Hutchison (R-TX) introduced the Water Assistance from International Vessels for Emergency Response Act (WAIVER Act) (S. 3512) to provide a statutory waiver of compliance with the Jones Act to foreign-flagged vessels assisting in responding to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. (See also H.R. 5585)

18 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3509

Senator Udall (D-CO) introduced the Safer Oil and Gas Production Research and Development Act of 2010 (S. 3509) to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to promote the research and development of technologies and best practices for the safe development and extraction of natural gas and other petroleum resources, particularly with respect to deepwater drilling, and for other purposes. (See also H.R. 5716)

24 June 2010: Hearing by Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 3497

Senator Brown (R-MA) introduced the Oil Spill Prevention and Mitigation Improvement Act of 2010 (S. 3497) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require leases entered into under that Act to include a plan that describes the

means and timeline for containment and termination of an ongoing discharge of oil, and for other purposes. Senator Brown issued a **press release** explaining the bill.

24 June 2010: Hearing by Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 3492

Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced the Emergency Relief Well Act (S. 3492) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require the drilling of emergency relief wells, and for other purposes. (See also H.R. 5666)

15 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 3489

Senator Vitter (R-LA) introduced a bill (S. 3489) to terminate the moratorium on deepwater drilling issued by the Secretary of the Interior. (See also H.R. 5519 and H.R. 5525).

15 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 3478

Senator Schumer (D-NY) introduced the Remuneration for Ecological and Societal Tolls Occasioned by Reckless Errors Act (RESTORE Act) (S. 3478) to amend title 46, United States Code, to repeal certain limitations of liability and for other purposes. This bill would repeal most provisions of the Limitation of Liability Act.

10 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3473

Senator Reid (D-NV) introduced a bill (S. 3473) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Immediately considered by the Senate and passed. It was then considered and adopted by the House of Representatives. (See also H.R. 5499).

Enacted as P. L. 111-191.

S. 3472

Senator Menendez (D-NJ) introduced the Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2010 (S. 3472) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full costs of oil spills, and for other purposes. If enacted into law, this bill would require responsible parties for oil spills from offshore facilities to pay for all covered damages, in addition to all response costs. (See also H.R. 5214, H.R. 5355, and S. 3305).

9 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 3466

Senator Leahy (D-VT) introduced the Environmental Crimes Enforcement Act of 2010 (S. 3466) to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA), and for other purposes. If enacted into law, this bill would, among other things, amend the Federal Sentencing Guidelines to better reflect the seriousness of violations of the FWPCA.

24 June 2010: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy (S. 3466 – RS) with an amendment, without written report. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 441.

S. 3462

Senator Shaheen (D-NH) introduced a bill (S. 3462) to provide subpoena power to the National Commission on the British Petroleum Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes.

8 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 3461

Senator Vitter (R-LA) introduced the Acceptance of Offer of Liability and Expedited Claims at Mississippi Canyon 252 Act (S. 3461) to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for economic injury caused by the Deepwater Horizon incident, and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to renegotiate the terms of the lease known as "Mississippi Canyon 252" with respect to claims relating to the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill that exceed existing applicable economic liability limitations. (See also S. 3410).

9 June 2010: Committee on Environment and Public Works hearings held.

S. 3443

Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced a bill (S. 3443) to to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to eliminate the 30-day time limit for exploration plans.

27 May 2010: Referred Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 3410

Senator Vitter (R-LA) introduced the Acceptance of Liability and Expedited Claims at Mississippi Canyon 252 Act (S. 3410) to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for economic injury caused by the Deepwater Horizon incident, and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to renegotiate the terms of the lease known as "Mississippi Canyon 252" with respect to claims relating to the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill that exceed existing applicable economic liability limitations. Senator Vitter issued a news release discussing the bill. (See also S. 3461).

26 May 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 410).

S. 3391

Senator Landrieu (D-LA) introduced the Restoring Ecosystem Sustainability and Protection on the Delta Act (S. 3391) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to accelerate from FY2017 to FY2010 the allocation of certain Gulf of Mexico oil and gas lease revenues from covered leases among the affected states, thus increasing each state's share. (See also: H.R. 5267)

20 May 2010: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 3375

Senator Vitter (R-LA) introduced the Oil Spill Response and Assistance Act (S. 3375) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to increase the cap on liability for economic damages resulting from an oil spill, and for other purposes. (See also H.R. 5356)

13 May 2010: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 3358

Senator Boxer (D-CA) introduced the West Coast Ocean Protection Act (S. 3358) to increase amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit Secretary of the Interior from issuing a lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil or

natural gas in any area of the OCS off the coast of California, Oregon, or Washington.

25 May 2010: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearings held.

S. 3346

Senator Whitehouse (D-RI) introduced the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments Act of 2010 (S. 3346) to increase the limits on liability under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA). (5/11/10).

25 May 2010: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearings held.

S. 3345

Senator Whitehouse (D-RI) introduced the Big Oil Polluter Pays Act (S. 3345) to amend title 46, United States Code, to remove the cap on punitive damages established by the Supreme Court in Exxon Shipping Company v. Baker.

11 May 2010: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 3344

Senator Whitehouse (D-RI) introduced the BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Inquiry Commission Act of 2010 (S. 3344) to establish an independent, nonpartisan commission to investigate the causes and impact of, and evaluate and improve the response to, the explosion, fire, and loss of life on and sinking of the Mobile Drilling Unit Deepwater Horizon and the resulting uncontrolled release of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, and to ensure that a similar disaster is not repeated. (See also H.R. 5241).

11 May 2010: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 3309

Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund Improvement Act of 2010 (S. 3309) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rate of tax for the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. (May 5, 2010). If enacted into law, the bill would increase the rate of tax for the Trust Fund from 5 to 9 cents per barrel, but would reduce the tax rate to zero when the unobligated balance of the Trust Fund exceeds \$10 billion.

5 May 2010: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 3308

Senator Nelson (D-FL) and Representative Meek (D-FL) introduced companion bills (S. 3308 and H.R. 5222) to suspend:

- Development of a new or revised 5-year plan for OCS activities;
- Any new exploration, development, and production activities, including geological and geophysical surveys; and
- Any ongoing exploration or development activities not certified as posing no significant risk of accident by the Secretary of Interior.

The suspension would continue until the date on which the joint investigation into the Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico has been completed and its final report issued.

5 May 2010: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 3306

Senator Menendez (D-NJ) introduced the Big Oil Bailout Prevention Trust Fund Act of 2010 (S. 3306) to eliminate the provision that currently prevents expenditure by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) of more than \$1 billion per incident. It

would also allow the OSLTF to borrow from the General Treasury all monies as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the Trust Fund. Additionally, it would authorize the promulgation of regulations that allow advance payments to be made from the Fund to states and political subdivisions for actions taken to prepare for and mitigate substantial threats from the discharge of oil. (See also H.R. 5214).

4 May 2010: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 3305

Senator Menendez (D-NJ) introduced the Big Oil Bailout Prevention Liability Act of 2010 (S. 3305) to raise the limit of liability for oil spills from offshore facilities for costs other than removal costs from \$75 million to \$10 billion. It would also be retroactive to 15 April 2010. (See also H.R. 5214, H.R. 5355 and S. 3472). Committee on Environment and Public Works hearing held on 6/9/2010.

30 June 2010: Passed the Committee by voice vote with an amendment, offered by Senator Boxer, to eliminate the cap on liability for responsible parties at an offshore facility, as well as amendments to improve oil spill contingency plans and improve the claims process.

S. 1311

On 19 June 2009, Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced the Gulf of Mexico Restoration and Protection Act, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to reestablish the Program Office of the Gulf of Mexico Program as an office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

On 30 June 2010, in the Committee on Environment and Public Works, the bill was ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably and passed by voice vote.

House Bills

H.R. 5973

Representative Poe (R-TX) introduced a bill (H.R. 5973) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to increase the percentage of revenues from new offshore leases that will be shared with coastal States to 50 percent.

29 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5945

Representative Bonner (R-AL) introduced a bill (H.R. 5945) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to increase the amount of Gulf of Mexico oil and gas lease revenue shared with Gulf States.

29 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5868

Representative Hall (D-NY) introduced a bill (H.R. 5868) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to establish conditions for the issuance of oil and gas leases under that Act to prevent discharges of oil in operations under such leases.

27 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5863

Representative Polis (D-CO) introduced a bill (H.R. 5863) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to, among other things:

- Require Federal Register notice to be published for any Exploration, Development or Production Plan, and to make such plans electronically available to the public.
- Require Federal Register notice of agency action on such plans.
- Specifying Federal consultation requirements associated with approval of such plans.

26 July 2010: Referred to House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5851

Representative George Miller (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 5851) to provide protections to employees alleging violations of any provision of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.), or any order, rule, regulation, standard, or prohibition under that Act. (See also H.R. 3534.)

26 July 2010: Referred to House Committee on Education and Labor.

30 July 2010: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1574 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3534 and H.R. 5851. General debate for H.R. 3534 of one hour and forty minutes. After general debate, considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. And, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in Part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule also makes in order House Report: 111-575 Part 1

30 July 2010: Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 229. House Report: 111-582.

H.R. 5846

Representative Sarbanes (D-MD) introduced a bill (H.R. 5846) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require the chief executive officer of each drilling and production operation under a lease under that Act to annually certify the operator's compliance with all applicable laws and operating regulations.

19 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5772

Representative Olson (R-TX) introduced a bill (H.R. 5772) to limit the moratorium on certain permitting and drilling activities issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

19 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5749

Representative George Miller (D-CA) introduced the Offshore Worker Whistleblower Protection Act (H.R. 5749) to provide protections to employees alleging violations of any provision of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.), or any order, rule, regulation, standard, or prohibition under that Act.

15 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Science and Technology for consideration of provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

H.R. 5727

Representative Shuster (R-PA) introduced the Oil Spill Technologies Act of 2010 (H.R. 5727) to establish a process for quickly and effectively soliciting, assessing, and deploying offshore oil and hazardous substance cleanup technologies.

13 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

14 July 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 5716

Representative Gordon (D-TN) introduced the Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Technology Research and Development Act (H.R. 5716) to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expand the Act's research coverage and create a Program Advisory Committee to advise the Secretary on the research programs. (See also S. 3509)

13 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Science and Technology for consideration of provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

14 July 2010: Ordered to be reported (amended) by voice vote by the House Committee on Science and Technology, mark-up session held.

21 July 2010: The House, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, Agreed to by voice vote. (House Report: 111-554 Part 1)

22 July 2010: Received in the Senate.

H.R. 5709

Representative Tsongas (D-MA) introduced the Oil Spill Preparation and Protection Act (H.R. 5709) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to require, as a condition and term of any exploration plan or any development and production plan, that the applicant submit and implement an oil spill containment and cleanup plan (to be approved by the Secretary and the EPA Administrator capable of handling a worst-case scenario oil spill).

1 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

H.R. 5697

Representative Markey (D-MA) introduced H.R. 5697 to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit leasing in the North Atlantic Planning Area.

1 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5686

Representative Connolly (D-VA) introduced the Stand by your Oil Pollution Act (STOP Act) (H.R. 5686) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to extend liability to corporations, partnerships, and other persons having >25% ownership interest in responsible parties, and limiting the severable liability under OPA 90 to the percentage of aggregate ownership interest. The provisions would be retroactive to 1 January 2010.

1 July 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2 July 2010: Referred to the on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 5677

Representative Young (R-FL) introduced the Secure All Facilities to Effectively Guard the United States Against and Respond to Dangerous Spills Act of 2010 (SAFEGUARDS Act of 2010) (H.R. 5677) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modernize and enhance the Federal Government's response to oil spills. It would:

- Require Coast Guard approved response plans for all OCS facilities;
- Mandate the issuance of regulations to implement the response plan requirement;
- Require OCS facility plans to specifically address uncontrolled or uncontained discharge from a well;
- Require water quality monitoring in the event of a discharge;
- Extend from 30 to 90 days the time permitted for approval of exploration plans;
- Make clear that exploration plans do not qualify for NEPA categorical exclusions;
- Require that the Commandant of the Coast Guard be designated as the National Incident Commander for incidents under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard; and
- Require the National Contingency Plan be updated within six months and at least every 5 years thereafter.

1 July 2010: Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Natural Resources, for consideration of provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

2 July 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 5676

Representative Jackson Lee (D-TX) introduced the Omnibus Right to Equitable Means of Ensuring Damages for Injuries are Efficiently Secured Act of 2010 (REMEDIES Act) (H.R. 5676) to:

- Amend the limits of liability under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA (90));

- Require regulations to establish limitations of liability under OPA 90 that are substantially similar to those under the Price-Anderson Act.
- Provide the president with authority to “collect from persons in the oil industry” a levy for expenses from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund exceeding \$10.3 billion;
- Increase the size of the Fund from \$2 billion to \$10 billion and increase the tax used to sustain the fund;
- Establish an independent claims system under OPA 90;
- Require the oil industry to establish a \$1 billion research and development fund;
- Revise the Jones act to refer to “covered maritime employees” rather than “seamen” and expand its coverage for death and injury;
- Expand liabilities under the Death on the High Seas Act;
- Require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide PTSD counseling available to “victims of significant oil spill disasters.”
- Require response plans to specify alternative measures should primary measures fail and required those plans to be “vetted by impartial experts”;
- Require approved response plans for all vessels and facilities used for drilling on the OCS;
- Require suspension of OCS permits should 5 or more violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1979 or other safety laws or regulations occur within a 1-year period;
- Direct the EPA to establish a panel of experts to assess and evaluate the long-term environmental impacts of the oil spill resulting from the explosion and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon.

With the exception of the provisions for liability limits under the Price-Anderson Act, the above provisions would be retroactive to 15 April 2010.

1 July 2010: Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Natural Resources, Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology, for consideration of such provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

2 July 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 5666

Representative Grayson (D-FL) introduced the Emergency Relief Well Act (H.R. 5666) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require the concurrent drilling of at least one emergency relief well, or undertake alternative measures as may be required by the Secretary of Interior in consultation with the EPA Administrator that would be at least as effective. Such alternative measures would be subject to a period of notice and public comment. (See also S. 3492)

1 July 2010: Referred to House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5661

Representative Polis (D-CO) introduced the Oil Pollution Taxpayer and Environment Protection Act (H.R. 5661) to:

- Amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require the making of royalty and other payments for oil that is removed under an offshore oil and gas lease under that Act and discharged into waters of the United States or ocean waters; and
- Require the Secretary of Interior to issue a rule establishing standards and specifications for electronic flow monitoring systems.

1 July 2010: Referred to House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5657

Representative Quigley (D-IL) introduced a bill (H.R. 5657) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to:

- Ensure that protection of the marine and coastal environment is of primary importance in making areas of the outer Continental Shelf available for leasing, exploration, and development rather than expeditious development of oil and gas resources; and
- To prohibit oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development in important ecological areas of the outer Continental Shelf.

30 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5654

McDermott (D-WA) introduced a bill (H.R. 5654) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide oil spill relief employment with funding obtained from the responsible parties of any spill of national significance.

28 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

1 July 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 5634

Representative Inslee (D-WA) introduced the Offshore Drilling Safety Improvement Act (H.R. 5634) to:

- Require the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations requiring that all oil and gas drilling and production operations on the outer Continental Shelf have safety and environmental management systems in place, including blowout preventers and additional backup emergency shutoff equipment such as acoustic shut-off technology, and that such equipment use the best available and safest technologies.
- Require consideration of the need for different technology requirements in different environments and depths.
- Apply such regulations to all new oil and gas drilling and production operations and all existing drilling and production operations upon the expiration of the six-month period beginning on the date of the issuance of the regulations.
- Require the Secretary, every five years after the date of the issuance of the regulations, to review blowout preventer and emergency shutoff equipment technology and revise the regulations as necessary to require use of the best available technology.
- Amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to add to functions assigned to Department of Energy (DOE) Assistant Secretaries the identification of offshore oil and gas exploration and production best available and safest technology.

29 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

H.R. 5629

Representative Oberstar (D-MN) introduced the Oil Spill Accountability and Environmental Protection Act of 2010 (H.R. 5629).

29 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Natural Resources, for consideration of provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

1 July 2010: House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

27 July 2010: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 111-567, Part I. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 326. The amended bill would:

- Increase the required demonstration of financial responsibility under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) for offshore facilities to \$1.5 billion and allow higher amounts based upon a Presidential determination.
- Make damage to human health compensable under OPA 90.
- Clarify the liability for discharges from mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs).
- Require MODUs to have safety management systems that cover the industrial operations undertaken by the unit.
- Require that persons to be licensed as master of a MODU demonstrate knowledge, understanding, proficiency and sea service to be responsible for all industrial operations undertaken by a MODU.
- Require MODUs to have an approved oil spill response plan under OPA 90.
- Require spill response plans to be made available to the public on the Internet.
- Substantially increase the penalty amounts for violation of OPA 90 and its implementing regulations.
- Repeal the Limitation of Shipowners' Liability Act of 1851.
- Amend the Jones Act, the Death on the High Seas Act, and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 with respect to liability of vessel owners and operators for damages.
- Authorize only vessels with a U.S. certificate of documentation with a registry endorsement that are owned by a citizen of the U.S. to engage in resource activities in the exclusive economic zone.
- Require that new offshore facilities for any form of energy production in the Exclusive Economic Zone be built in the United States.

H.R. 5626

Representative Waxman (D-CA) introduced the **Blowout Prevention Act of 2010** (H.R. 5626) to protect public health and safety and the environment by requiring the use of safe well control technologies and practices for the drilling of high-risk oil and gas wells in the United States, and for other purposes.

28 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce for consideration of such provisions as fall within their jurisdiction.

15 July 2010: Mark-up session held, ordered to be Reported (amended).

29 July 2010: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 111-581, Part I.

H.R. 5620

Citing the Deepwater Horizon incident, Representative Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) introduced the **Caribbean Coral Reef Protection Act of 2010** (H.R. 5620) to amend the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 to exclude from the United States aliens who contribute to the ability of Cuba to develop petroleum resources located off Cuba's coast and to provide for the imposition of sanctions and

prohibition on facilitation of development of Cuba's petroleum resources, and for other purposes.

28 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and Oversight and Government Reform for consideration of such provisions as fall within their jurisdiction.

H.R. 5613

Representative Cohen (D-TN) introduced the **American Coastal Waters and Shorelines Protection Act** (H.R. 5613) to require that vessels used to engage in drilling for oil or gas in ocean waters that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States must be documented under chapter 121 of title 46, United States Code.

28 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

29 June 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

H.R. 5608

Representative Markey (D-MA) introduced the **Better Oil Spill Response Act of 2010** (H.R. 5608) to:

- Amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to require the President, every five years, to publish and provide to each Area Committee an estimate of the worst case discharges that are possible in each area described in an Area Contingency Plan (ACP) based on the oil and gas exploration, development, and production activities that are planned or being conducted at various locations and depths in each area.
- Require the President to revise the National Contingency Plan and the regulations concerning the National Response System to take into account: (1) the adequacy of the Plan to respond to the volume, source, and duration of the discharge caused by the explosion involving the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon; (2) any findings and options related to the Plan made by the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling; and (3) the estimate of the worst case discharges. Require the President to revise the Plan whenever the estimate of the worst case discharges materially changes.
- Requires ACPs to be adequate to mitigate or remove (currently, to remove) a worst case discharge. Sets forth provisions concerning revision and presidential review of: (1) Area Contingency Plans; and (2) tank vessel, nontank vessel, and facility response plans to discharges of oil or hazardous substances.
- Repeal provisions authorizing the President to permit a vessel or facility to operate without an approved response plan if the owner or operator certifies the availability of private personnel and equipment to respond to a worst case discharge or substantial threat of such a discharge. Directs the President to require owners or operators of vessels or facilities that are required to submit response plans to demonstrate annually their capacity to implement such plans.
- Require a dispersant schedule prepared under the National Contingency Plan to include specified information regarding the safety and efficacy of the dispersants, other chemicals, and other spill mitigating devices and substances. Prohibits the President from placing such a substance on such schedule unless the President receives satisfactory assurances that the manufacturer will publicly disclose the ingredients of any such substance

that will be used to carry out a National Contingency Plan, Area Contingency Plan, or vessel or facility response plan in response to a discharge declared to be a spill of national significance.

- Amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require compliance with the Clean Water Act's response plan requirements.

25 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

28 June 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 5607

Representative Markey (D-MA) introduced the SOA Act (H.R. 5607) to:

- Direct the Secretary of Energy (DOE) to establish: (1) a program of awards to support the development, demonstration, and commercialization of innovative technologies to prevent, stop, or capture large-scale accidental discharges of oil or other hydrocarbons from offshore oil and gas drilling operations, including deepwater and ultra-deepwater operations; and (2) an independent SOS Fund Technical Advisory Committee to advise on the development and implementation of programs under this Act.
- Require the awards to focus on new technologies or innovative improvements to existing technologies, including: (1) blowout preventers; (2) secondary control systems; (3) remotely operated vehicles; and (4) prefabricated systems or technologies to stop or capture a large-scale discharge from an offshore well, at or near the source of such discharge, in the event of failure of a blowout preventer.
- Establish in the Treasury a Safety and Offshore Spill (SOS) Fund into which shall be transferred, for each of FY2011-FY2017, \$50 million from amounts of federal royalties, rents, and bonuses derived from federal onshore and offshore oil and gas leases issued under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act that are deposited in the Treasury.

25 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of provisions falling within their jurisdiction.

H.R. 5585

Representative Carter (R-TX) introduced the Water Assistance from International Vessels for Emergency Response Act (or WAIVER Act) (H.R. 5585) to provide a statutory waiver of compliance with the Jones Act to foreign-flagged vessels assisting in responding to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and for other purposes. (See also S. 3512)

23 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

24 June 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

H.R. 5572

Representative Buchanan (R-FL) introduced the Oil Spill Prevention Act of 2010 (H.R. 5572) to reform the Minerals Management Service and offshore drilling for oil and gas, to repeal the limitation of liability of a responsible party for discharge of oil from an offshore facility, and for other purposes.

22 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration on matters within their jurisdiction.

23 June 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

24 June 2010: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4784)

H.R. 5525

Representative Olson (R-TX) introduced a bill (H.R. 5525) to terminate the moratorium on deepwater drilling issued by the Secretary of the Interior. (See also H.R. 5519 and S. 3489).

15 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5520

Representative Kagen (D-WI) introduced the Oil Spill Responsibility Act of 2010 (H.R. 5520) to require immediate payment by BP to the United States of an amount for use to compensate all affected persons for removal costs and damages arising from the explosion and sinking of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, to make that amount available to the Secretary of the Interior to pay such compensation, and for other purposes. (See also H.R. 5525 and S. 3489).

14 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

15 June 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

15 June 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

H.R. 5519

Representative Cassidy (R-LA) introduced the Gulf Coast Jobs Preservation Act (H.R. 5519) to terminate the moratorium on deepwater drilling and to require the Secretary of the Interior to ensure the safety of deepwater drilling operations. (See also H.R. 5525 and S. 3498)

14 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5513

Representative Pingree (D-ME) introduced the Spilled Oil Royalty Collection Act (H.R. 5513) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require payment of royalty on all oil and gas saved, removed, sold, or discharged under a lease under that Act, and for other purposes.

10 June 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5506

Representative Connolly (D-VA) introduced the Oil Pollution Environmental Review Act (OPERA) (H.R. 5506) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to:

- Require that treatment of the issuance of any exploration plans, development production plans, development operation coordination documents, and lease sales required under Federal law for offshore drilling activity on the outer Continental Shelf as a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 NEPA); and
- Repeal the 30-day deadline for approval of plans in 43 U.S.C. 1340(c)(1).

10 June 2010: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

15 June 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
13 July 2010: Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.(H.R.5503-RFS)

H.R. 5503

Representative Conyers (D-MI) introduced the Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations of Liability Act (H.R. 5503) to revise laws regarding liability in certain civil actions arising from maritime incidents. It would

- Amend the Death on the High Seas Act (DOHSA) and the Jones Act to allow recovery of non-pecuniary losses;
- Repeal major portions of the Limitation of Liability Act of 1851;
- Render unenforceable certain secrecy agreements relating to discharge into offshore waters of oil or hazardous material; and
- Place restrictions of the treatment of certain property in bankruptcy if the debtor is liable for claims arising from an oil spill.

1 July 2010: Passed/agreed to in House. (H.R. 5503 – EH)

13 July 2010: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5499

Representative Mica (R-FL) introduced a bill (H.R. 5499) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. (See also S. 3473).

Enacted as P. L. 111-191.

11 June 2010: House Transportation and Infrastructure: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 5481

Representative Capps (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 5481) to give subpoena power to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling established by E.O. 13543.

23 June 2010: Passed/agreed to in the House.

25 June 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 442. (H.R. 5481-PCS)

H.R. 5356

Representative Blunt (R-MO) introduced the Oil Spill Response and Assistance Act (H.R. 5356) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to:

- Require, within 2 years, the issuance of regulations to require development and deployment of advanced spill response technology.
- Require purchase of key response equipment, including remote operated vehicles, by the Government.
- Increase the cap on liability for economic damages resulting from an oil spill, and for other purposes.

The provisions would be retroactive to 14 April 2010. (See also S. 3375).

20 May 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

21 May 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

21 May 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 5355

Representative Grijalva (D-AZ) introduced a bill (H.R. 5355) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to repeal the limitation of liability of a responsible party for a discharge or substantial threat of a discharge of oil from an offshore oil facility. The provisions would be retroactive to 15 April 2010. (See also S. 3305).

20 May 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

20 May 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

21 May 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

H.R. 5241

Representative Lois Capps (D-CA) introduced the BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Inquiry Commission Act of 2010 (H.R. 5241) to establish an independent, nonpartisan commission to investigate the causes and impact of, and evaluate and improve the response to, the explosion, fire, and loss of life on and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon and the resulting uncontrolled release of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, and to ensure that a similar disaster is not repeated. (See also S. 3344).

Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on 5/10/2010.

H.R. 5222

Representative Meek (D-FL) introduced H.R. 5222 to suspend certain activities in the outer Continental Shelf until the date on which the joint investigation into the Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico has been completed, and for other purposes. Representative Meek issued a media release stating that the bill, if enacted into law, would stop the drilling of new test wells offshore until the investigation is completed. (See also S.3308)

Referred to House Committee on Natural Resources on 5/5/2010.

Referred to House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on 5/7/2010.

H.R. 5215

Representative Holt (D-NJ) introduced H.R. 5215 to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes. Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means on 5/5/2010.

H.R. 5214

Representative Holt (D-NJ) introduced H.R. 5214 to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes. (See also S. 3305, S.3306 and S.3472)

6 May 2010: Referred to House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 3534

Representative Rahall (D-WV) introduced the Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act of 2009 (H.R. 3534). (See also H.R. 5851)

Initial hearings were held on 16 and 17 September 2009.

30 June 2010: See "House Hearings" section for information on 30 June the Committee hearing. on the "Discussion Draft, Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3534."

15 July 2010: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended)

28 July 2010: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 332. House Reports: 111-575 Part 1. At this stage, the bill would, among other things:

- Establish in the Department of the Interior the Bureau of Energy and Resource Management and a Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.
- Establish a separate Office of Natural Resources Revenue.
- Direct the establishment of a National Oil and Gas Health and Safety Academy for the training of the Bureaus' oil and gas inspectors.
- Abolish the Minerals Management Service and reassign previous duties of the Service to the Office and Bureaus.
- Establish under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, an OCS Safety and Environmental Advisory Board.
- Clarify the jurisdiction of the OCS Lands Act to all energy production activities.
- Bar bidding on OCS leases by companies exceeding specified health, safety and environmental performance thresholds.
- Revise the disposition of revenues from OCS leasing activities.
- Extend the period for review of Exploration Plans to 90 days, with provision to allow for more than 90 days.
- Require a statement of the design and condition of major safety-related pieces of equipment, including independent third party certification of such equipment.
- Require development of a scenario for the potential blowout of the well involving the highest potential volume of liquid hydrocarbons, along with a complete description of a response plan to both control the blowout and manage the accompanying discharge of hydrocarbons, including the likelihood for surface intervention to stop the blowout, the availability of a rig to drill a relief well, an estimate of the time it would take to drill a relief well, a description of other technology that may be used to regain control of the well or capture escaping hydrocarbons and the potential timeline for using that technology for its intended purpose, and the strategy, organization, and resources necessary to avoid harm to the environment and human health from hydrocarbons.
- Specify that the Secretary may not grant any drilling permit or modification of the permit prior to completion of a full engineering review of the well system, including a determination that critical safety systems, including blowout prevention, will utilize best available technology and that blowout prevention systems will include redundancy and remote triggering capability.
- Specify that the Secretary shall not grant any drilling permit or modification of the permit prior to completion of a safety and environmental management plan to be utilized by the operator during all well operations.
- Require the Secretary to treat the approval of an exploration plan, or a significant revision of such a plan, as an agency action requiring preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
- Establish a requirement to define and update on a 3-year cycle best available technology for key areas of well design and operation, including blowout prevention and blowout and oil spill response.
- Not later than 6 months after enactment, require promulgation of regulations to require a safety case to be submitted with each new application for a permit to drill.
- Authorize issuance of regulations to establish periodic audits of safety cases and safety management systems by Bureau and/or Coast Guard inspectors.
- Require the Bureau and Coast Guard to require annual certification from operators that their operations are being conducted in accordance with

applicable law and regulations, with specified statements regarding certain critical equipment and operations.

- Mandate monthly inspections of drilling operations.
- Increase the civil and criminal penalties for violations of the OCS Lands Act.
- Establish a National Commission on the Outer Continental Shelf Oil Spill Prevention Program.
- Establish a Gulf of Mexico Restoration Program.

30 July 2010: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1574 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3534 and H.R. 5851. General debate for H.R. 3534 of one hour and forty minutes. After general debate, considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. And, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in Part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule also makes in order House Report: 111-575 Part 1

30 July 2010: Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 229. House Report: 111-582.

H.R. 2693

Representative Woolsey (D-CA) introduced the Federal Oil Spill Research Program Act (H.R. 2693) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to:

- Direct the President to establish the Federal Oil Spill Research Committee as an interagency committee to coordinate a comprehensive federal oil spill research program, complete a research assessment on the status of oil spill prevention and response capabilities, and develop a federal oil spill research plan.
- Directs the Committee to: (1) establish a program for conducting oil pollution research, development, and demonstration; (2) submit to Congress an assessment of the status of oil spill prevention and response capabilities; and (3) establish the priorities for federal oil spill research and development.; and
- Requires the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to: (1) award competitive grants to higher education and other research institutions to advance research and development and to demonstrate technologies for preventing, detecting, or mitigating oil discharges; and (2) contract with the National Academy of Sciences to assess, evaluate, and report on the status of federal oil spill research and development.

3 June 2009: Referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology.

14 July 2010: Ordered to be reported by voice vote, mark-up session held.

21 July 2010: The House, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, Agreed to by voice vote. (H. Rept. 111-553)

22 July 2010: Received by the Senate, referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.