



H.Res. 725 – Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, and for other purposes

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 725 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) on October 10, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was not considered.

H.Res. 725 is expected to be considered on the House floor on October 16, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 725 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the 35th anniversary of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act);
- Recommits itself to restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Clean Water Act;
- Dedicates itself to working toward a sustainable, long-term solution to address the Nation's decaying water infrastructure; and
- Encourages the public and all levels of government – 1) to recognize and celebrate the Nation's accomplishments under the Clean Water Act; and 2) to renew their commitment to restoring and protecting the Nation's rivers, lakes, streams, marine waters, and wetlands for future generations.

BACKGROUND

The Clean Water Act was first signed into law in 1972, establishing the general structure for regulating pollution of U.S. surface waters. The act gives the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to administer pollution control programs and to establish contamination standards. The EPA works in tandem with state and local governments in implementing and enforcing the Clean Water Act.

ADDITIONAL INFO

[EPA Website: Clean Water Act](#)

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