

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5727

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the establishment of a process for quickly and effectively soliciting, assessing, and deploying offshore oil and hazardous substance cleanup technologies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Oil Spill Cleanup Tech-
5 nologies Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the response to the discharge of oil in the
2 Gulf of Mexico resulting from the explosion on, and
3 sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deep-
4 water Horizon has shown the Federal Government
5 to be lacking in significant technologies to clean up
6 offshore oil spills;

7 (2) following the discharge, the Federal Govern-
8 ment was not prepared to accept potentially valuable
9 cleanup ideas and valuable time may have been lost
10 in finding cleanup solutions due to the lack of an es-
11 tablished process; and

12 (3) establishing a process for soliciting, assess-
13 ing, and deploying offshore oil and hazardous sub-
14 stance cleanup technologies is necessary to ensure
15 that the Federal Government is better prepared to
16 handle incoming technologies in the event of a future
17 offshore discharge.

18 **SEC. 3. OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CLEANUP TECH-**
19 **NOLOGIES.**

20 Section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control
21 Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)) is amended by adding at the end
22 the following:

23 “(9) OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CLEAN-
24 UP TECHNOLOGIES.—The President, acting through
25 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast

1 Guard is operating and in coordination with the
2 heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall—

3 “(A) establish a process for—

4 “(i) quickly and effectively soliciting,
5 assessing, and deploying offshore oil and
6 hazardous substance cleanup technologies
7 in the event of a discharge or substantial
8 threat of a discharge of oil or a hazardous
9 substance in United States waters; and

10 “(ii) effectively coordinating with
11 other appropriate agencies, industry, aca-
12 demia, small businesses, and others to en-
13 sure the best technology available is imple-
14 mented in the event of such a discharge or
15 threat; and

16 “(B) maintain a database on best available
17 oil and hazardous substance cleanup tech-
18 nologies in the event of a discharge or substan-
19 tial threat of a discharge of oil or a hazardous
20 substance in United States waters.”.

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