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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2010

Mr. KAGEN (for himself, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. HARE, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SCHAUER, Mr. SPRATT, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. BACA, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Oil Spill Responsibility  
3 Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR REMOVAL COSTS**  
5 **AND DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE “DEEP-**  
6 **WATER HORIZON” INCIDENT.**

7       (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that BP p.l.c. con-  
8 fessed under oath before Congress to being the responsible  
9 party for the discharge of oil in the Gulf of Mexico result-  
10 ing from the explosion on and sinking of the mobile off-  
11 shore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon.

12       (b) PAYMENT BY BP.—

13           (1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—BP shall imme-  
14 diately pay to the United States \$25,000,000,000 as  
15 partial compensation for removal costs and damages  
16 for which BP is liable.

17           (2) LIMITATION ON DAMAGES NOT APPLICA-  
18 BLE.—Section 1004(a)(3) of the Oil Pollution Act of  
19 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2703(a)(3)) shall not apply with  
20 respect to the explosion on and sinking of the mobile  
21 offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon.

22           (3) NO LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—This sec-  
23 tion shall not be construed to limit the liability of  
24 BP to the amount set forth in paragraph (1).

25       (c) DEPOSIT AND USE.—Amounts paid by BP under  
26 subsection (a) shall be deposited into a separate account

1 in the Treasury and shall be available to the Secretary  
2 of the Interior without further appropriation to reimburse  
3 any person for removal costs and damages incurred by the  
4 person as a result of the explosion on and sinking of the  
5 mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon.

6 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) BP.—The term “BP” means BP p.l.c.

8 (2) TERMS DEFINED IN OIL POLLUTION ACT OF  
9 1990.—Each of the terms “damages”, “discharge”,  
10 “oil”, “removal costs”, “remove”, and “responsible  
11 party” has the meaning given that term in section  
12 1001 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C.  
13 2701).

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