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H. RES. 599

Establishing the Task Force on Ocean Policy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 14, 2005

Mr. GILCREST (for himself, Mr. CASE, and Mr. SAXTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Establishing the Task Force on Ocean Policy.

Whereas the House of Representatives is in need of a Task Force on Ocean Policy to review the final report of the United States Commission on Ocean Policy, entitled “An Ocean Blueprint for the 21st Century”, which affects the jurisdiction of several committees of the House, including the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Committee on International Relations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

3 There is hereby established a Task Force on Ocean
4 Policy.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

2 The task force shall be composed of 12 members ap-
3 pointed by the Speaker, of whom 5 shall be appointed on
4 the recommendation of the minority leader. The Speaker
5 shall designate one member as chairman. A vacancy in the
6 membership of the task force shall be filled in the same
7 manner as the original appointment.

8 **SEC. 3. JURISDICTION.**

9 The task force may develop recommendations and re-
10 port to the House on the final report of the United States
11 Commission on Ocean Policy, making recommendations
12 for a national ocean policy, entitled “An Ocean Blueprint
13 for the 21st Century”.

14 **SEC. 4. PROCEDURE.**

15 (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2),
16 rule XI shall apply to the task force to the extent not in-
17 consistent with this resolution.

18 (1) Clause 1(b) and clause 2(m)(1)(B) of rule
19 XI shall not apply to the task force.

20 (2) The task force is not required to adopt writ-
21 ten rules to implement the provisions of clause 4 of
22 rule XI.

23 (b) Clause 10(b) of rule X shall not apply to the task
24 force.

1 **SEC. 5. STAFF; FUNDING.**

2 (a) The chairman may employ and fix the compensa-
3 tion of such staff as the chairman considers necessary to
4 carry out this resolution. To the greatest extent prac-
5 ticable, the task force shall utilize the services of staff of
6 employing entities of the House. At the request of the
7 chairman, staff of employing entities of the House or a
8 joint committee may be detailed to the task force to carry
9 out this resolution and shall be deemed to be staff of the
10 task force.

11 (b) There shall be paid out of the applicable accounts
12 of the House \$450,000 for the expenses of the task force.
13 Such payments shall be made on vouchers signed by the
14 chairman and approved in the manner directed by the
15 Committee on House Administration. Amounts made
16 available under this subsection shall be expended in ac-
17 cordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on
18 House Administration.

19 **SEC. 6. REPORTING.**

20 The task force shall report to the House the final re-
21 sults of its investigation and study, together with detailed
22 findings and such recommendations as it may deem advis-
23 able, as soon as practicable and in no event later than
24 on June 30, 2006.

1 **SEC. 7. DISSOLUTION AND WINDUP OF AFFAIRS.**

2 The task force shall cease to exist after July 31,
3 2006.

4 **SEC. 8. DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**

5 Upon dissolution of the task force, the records of the
6 task force shall become records of any committee des-
7 igned by the Speaker.

 Amend the title so as to read: “Establishing the
Task Force on Ocean Policy.”.

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