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[Report No. 110-556]

To reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on August 2, 2007]

A BILL

To reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

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 “Hydrographic Services*
5 *Improvement Act Amendments of 2008”.*

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 *Section 302 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-*
3 *ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892) is amended—*

4 *(1) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-*
5 *lows:*

6 *“(3) HYDROGRAPHIC DATA.—The term ‘hydro-*
7 *graphic data’ means information that—*

8 *“(A) is acquired through—*

9 *“(i) hydrographic, bathymetric, photo-*
10 *grammetric, lidar, radar, remote sensing, or*
11 *shoreline and other ocean- and coastal-re-*
12 *lated surveying;*

13 *“(ii) geodetic, geospatial, or geo-*
14 *magnetic measurements;*

15 *“(iii) tide, water level, and current ob-*
16 *servations; or*

17 *“(iv) other methods; and*

18 *“(B) is used in providing hydrographic*
19 *services.”;*

20 *(2) by amending paragraph (4)(A) to read as*
21 *follows:*

22 *“(A) the management, maintenance, inter-*
23 *pretation, certification, and dissemination of*
24 *bathymetric, hydrographic, shoreline, geodetic,*
25 *geospatial, geomagnetic, and tide, water level,*
26 *and current information, including the produc-*

1 *tion of nautical charts, nautical information*
2 *databases, and other products derived from hy-*
3 *drographic data;”*; and
4 *(3) by striking paragraph (5).*

5 **SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.**

6 *Section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-*
7 *ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892a) is amended—*

8 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

9 *(A) by striking “the Act of 1947,” and in-*
10 *serting “the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act (33*
11 *U.S.C. 883a et seq.)”*; and

12 *(B) in paragraph (1) by striking “data;”*
13 *and inserting “data and provide hydrographic*
14 *services;”*;

15 *(2) in subsection (b)—*

16 *(A) by striking “the Act of 1947,” and in-*
17 *serting “the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act (33*
18 *U.S.C. 883a et seq.)”*;

19 *(B) in paragraph (3) by striking “title IX*
20 *of the Federal Property and Administrative*
21 *Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 541 et seq.);*
22 *and” and inserting “subchapter VI of chapter 10*
23 *of title 40, United States Code;”*;

24 *(C) in paragraph (4) by striking the period*
25 *and inserting “; and”*; and

1 (D) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(5) may create, support, and maintain a Joint
3 Hydrographic Institute.”; and

4 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(c) ACQUISITION OF HYDROGRAPHIC DATA AND PRO-
7 VIDE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES.—To the extent that it does
8 not detract from the promotion of safe and efficient naviga-
9 tion, the Administrator may acquire hydrographic data
10 and provide hydrographic services to—

11 “(1) support the conservation and management
12 of coastal and ocean resources;

13 “(2) save and protect life and property;

14 “(3) support the resumption of commerce in re-
15 sponse to emergencies, natural disasters, and man-
16 made disasters, and

17 “(4) meet homeland security and maritime do-
18 main awareness needs, including carrying out mis-
19 sion assignments (as that term is defined in section
20 641 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Re-
21 form Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 741)).”.

22 **SEC. 4. HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES REVIEW PANEL.**

23 Section 305 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-
24 ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892c) is amended—

1 (1) *in subsection (c)(1)(A) by striking “Director”*
2 *and inserting “Co-directors”;*

3 (2) *in subsections (c)(1)(C), (c)(3), and (e) by*
4 *striking “Secretary” each place it appears and insert-*
5 *ing “Administrator”;* *and*

6 (3) *by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-*
7 *lows:*

8 “*(d) COMPENSATION.—Voting members of the panel*
9 *shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses, in-*
10 *cluding travel and per diem, incurred in the performance*
11 *of duties for the panel.”.*

12 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 *Section 306 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-*
14 *ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892d) is amended to read as*
15 *follows:*

16 **“SEC. 306. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 “*There are authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-*
18 *ministrator the following:*

19 “*(1) To carry out nautical mapping and chart-*
20 *ing functions under sections 303 and 304, except for*
21 *conducting hydrographic surveys—*

22 “*(A) \$55,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;*

23 “*(B) \$56,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;*

24 “*(C) \$57,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and*

25 “*(D) \$58,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.*

1 “(2) *To contract for hydrographic surveys under*
2 *section 303(b)(1), including the leasing or time char-*
3 *tering of vessels—*

4 “(A) \$32,130,000 for fiscal year 2009;

5 “(B) \$32,760,000 for fiscal year 2010;

6 “(C) \$33,390,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

7 “(D) \$34,020,000 for fiscal year 2012.

8 “(3) *To operate hydrographic survey vessels*
9 *owned by the United States and operated by the Ad-*
10 *ministration—*

11 “(A) \$25,900,000 for fiscal year 2009;

12 “(B) \$26,400,000 for fiscal year 2010;

13 “(C) \$26,900,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

14 “(D) \$27,400,000 for fiscal year 2012.

15 “(4) *To carry out geodetic functions under this*
16 *title—*

17 “(A) \$32,640,000 for fiscal year 2009;

18 “(B) \$32,280,000 for fiscal year 2010;

19 “(C) \$33,920,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

20 “(D) \$34,560,000 for fiscal year 2012.

21 “(5) *To carry out tide and current measurement*
22 *functions under this title—*

23 “(A) \$27,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

24 “(B) \$27,500,000 for fiscal year 2010;

25 “(C) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

1 “(D) \$28,500,000 for fiscal year 2012.

2 “(6) To acquire a hydrographic survey vessel ca-
3 pable of staying at sea continuously for at least 30
4 days \$75,000,000.”.

5 **SEC. 6. ADDITION OF SHORT TITLE TO EXISTING LAW.**

6 *The Act of August 6, 1947 (chapter 504; 33 U.S.C.*
7 *883a et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

8 **“SEC. 11. SHORT TITLE.**

9 *“This Act may be cited as the ‘Coast and Geodetic Sur-*
10 *vey Act’.”.*

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