

1005 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2705) is amended by—

(1) in the title inserting “; **PARTIAL PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**” before the period; and

(2) adding at the end of subsection (a) the following: “The responsible party shall establish a procedure for the payment or settlement of claims for interim, short-term damages. Payment or settlement of a claim for interim, short-term damages representing less than the full amount of damages to which the claimant ultimately may be entitled shall not preclude recovery by the claimant for damages not reflected in the paid or settled partial claim.”

(b) **CLARIFICATION OF CLAIMS PROCEDURE.**—Section 1013(d) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2713(d)) is amended by striking “section” and inserting the following: “section, including a claim for interim, short-term damages representing less than the full amount of damages to which the claimant ultimately may be entitled.”

(c) **ADVERTISEMENT.**—Section 1014(b) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2714(b)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” before “If”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) An advertisement under paragraph (1) shall state that a claimant may present a claim for interim, short-term damages representing less than the full amount of damages to which the claimant ultimately may be entitled and that payment of such a claim shall not preclude recovery for damages not reflected in the paid or settled partial claim.”

(d) **CLARIFICATION OF SUBROGATION.**—Section 1015(a) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2715(a)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) **INTERIM DAMAGES.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If a responsible party, a guarantor, or the Fund has made payment to a claimant for interim, short-term damages representing less than the full amount of damages to which the claimant ultimately may be entitled, subrogation under subsection (a) shall apply only with respect to the portion of the claim reflected in the paid interim claim.

“(2) **FINAL DAMAGES.**—Payment of such a claim shall not foreclose a claimant’s right to recovery of all damages to which the claimant otherwise is entitled under this Act or under any other law.”

**SEC. 1143. OIL SPILL INFORMATION.**

Section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321) is amended—

(1) in subsection (j)(2)(A) by inserting after “paragraph (4),” the following: “and of information regarding previous spills, including data from universities, research institutions, State governments, and other nations, as appropriate, which shall be disseminated as appropriate to response groups and area committees, and”; and

(2) in subsection (j)(4)(c)(v) by inserting before “describe” the following: “compile a list of local scientists, both inside and outside Federal Government service, with expertise in the environmental effects of spills of the types of oil typically transported in the area, who may be contacted to provide information or, where appropriate, participate in meetings of the scientific support team convened in response to a spill”, and”.

**SEC. 1144. COMPLIANCE WITH OIL SPILL RESPONSE PLANS.**

Section 311(c)(3)(B) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(3)(B)) is amended by striking “President” and inserting “President, except that the owner or operator may deviate from the applicable re-

sponse plan if the President or the Federal On-Scene Coordinator determines that deviation from the response plan would provide for a more expeditious or effective response to the spill or mitigation of its environmental effects”.

**SEC. 1145. BRIDGE DEEMED TO UNREASONABLY OBSTRUCT NAVIGATION.**

The Sooline & Milwaukee Road Swing Bridge, located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is deemed to unreasonably obstruct navigation for purposes of the Act of June 21, 1940 (popularly known as the Hobbs Bridge Act; 33 U.S.C. 511 et seq.).

**SEC. 1146. FISHING VESSEL EXEMPTION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 81 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§8105. **Fishing vessel exemption**

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, nor any amendment to such convention, shall apply to a fishing vessel, including a fishing vessel used as a fish tender vessel.”

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for chapter 81 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“8105. Fishing vessel exemption.”

And the House agree to the same.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

BUD SHUSTER,  
DON YOUNG,  
HOWARD COBLE,  
TILLIE K. FOWLER,  
BILL BAKER,  
JAMES L. OBERSTAR,  
BOB CLEMENT,  
GLENN POSHARD,

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sec. 901 of the Senate bill, and sec. 430 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

HENRY HYDE,  
BILL MCCOLLUM,

*Managers on the Part of the House.*

From the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

LARRY PRESSLER,  
TED STEVENS,  
SLADE GORTON,  
TRENT LOTT,  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON,  
OLYMPIA SNOWE,  
JOHN ASHCROFT,  
SPENCER ABRAHAM,  
FRITZ HOLLINGS,  
DANIEL INOUE,  
JOHN F. KERRY,  
JOHN BREAUX,  
BYRON L. DORGAN,  
RON WYDEN,

From the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

JOHN H. CHAFEE,  
JOHN WARNER,  
BOB SMITH,  
LAUCH FAIRCLOTH,  
JIM INHOFE,  
MAX BAUCUS,  
FRANK R. LAUTENBERG,  
JOE LIEBERMAN,

*Managers on the Part of the Senate.*

When said conference report was considered.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the conference report to its adoption or rejection and, under the operation thereof, the conference report was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said conference report was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered.* That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶116.41 **PRIVATE CALENDAR TRANSFERRED**

On motion of Mr. SENSENBRENNER, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered.* That business in order under clause 6, rule XXIV, the Private Calendar rule, be in order today.

¶116.42 **PRIVATE CALENDAR**

Pursuant to clause 6, rule XXIV and the foregoing special order,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, directed the Private Calendar to be called.

When,

¶116.43 **BILLS PASSED**

The bills of the following titles were severally considered, read twice; the amendments following each were agreed to, and the bills, as amended, were ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, were severally read a third time by title, and passed:

H.R. 1031. A bill for the relief of Oscar Salas-Velazquez.

Amendment offered by the Committee on the Judiciary:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

**SECTION 1. WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR DISAPPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR CLASSIFICATION AND ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding section 204(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Attorney General may not disapprove a petition for classification of Oscar Salas-Velazquez under section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of such Act, or an application for adjustment of the status of Oscar Salas-Velazquez under section 245 of such Act, on any ground relating to a determination that the marriage of Oscar Salas-Velazquez and Jennifer Christine Brady was entered into for the purpose of evading the immigration laws.

(b) **WAIVER OF INADMISSIBILITY.**—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of section 212(a)(6) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Oscar Salas-Velazquez may not be considered to be within a class of excludable aliens at any time on or after the date of the enactment of this Act on any ground relating to—

(1) a determination that the marriage of Oscar Salas-Velazquez and Jennifer Christine Brady was entered into for the purpose of evading the immigration laws; or

(2) the deportation of Oscar Salas-Velazquez on February 9, 1995.

(c) **DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.**—The natural parents, brothers, and sisters of Oscar Salas-Velazquez shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality act.

(d) **REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.**—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Oscar Salas-Velazquez, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, for the current or next following fiscal year, the worldwide level of family-sponsored immigrants under section 201(c)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.