

assessment which examines the ecological and economic consequences of hypoxia in United States coastal waters, alternatives for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia, and the social and economic costs and benefits of such alternatives.

(2) The assessment shall—

(A) establish needs, priorities, and guidelines for a peer-reviewed, inter-agency research program on the causes, characteristics, and impacts of hypoxia;

(B) identify alternatives for preventing unnecessary duplication of effort among Federal agencies and departments with respect to hypoxia; and

(C) provide for Federal cooperation and coordination with and assistance to the States, Indian tribes, and local governments in the prevention, reduction, management, mitigation, and control of hypoxia and its environmental impacts.

(e) **DIESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE.**—The President may disestablish the Task Force after submission of the plan in section 604(d).

**SEC. 604. NORTHERN GULF OF MEXICO HYPOXIA.**

(a) **ASSESSMENT REPORT.**—Not later than May 30, 1999, the Task Force shall complete and submit to Congress and the President an integrated assessment of hypoxia in the northern Gulf of Mexico that examines: the distribution, dynamics, and causes; ecological and economic consequences; sources and loads of nutrients transported by the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico; effects of reducing nutrient loads; methods for reducing nutrient loads; and the social and economic costs and benefits of such methods.

(b) **SUBMISSION OF A PLAN.**—No later than March 30, 2000, the President, in conjunction with the chief executive officers of the States, shall develop and submit to Congress a plan, based on the integrated assessment submitted under subsection (a), for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia in the northern Gulf of Mexico. In developing such plan, the President shall consult with State, Indian tribe, and local governments, academic, agricultural, industry, and environmental groups and representatives. Such plan shall include incentive-based partnership approaches. The plan shall also include the social and economic costs and benefits of the measures for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia. At least 90 days before the President submits such plan to the Congress, a summary of the proposed plan shall be published in the Federal Register for a public comment period of not less than 60 days.

**SEC. 605. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce for research, education, and monitoring activities related to the prevention, reduction, and control of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$18,250,000 for fiscal year 2000, and \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, to remain available until expended. The Secretary shall consult with the States on a regular basis regarding the development and implementation of the activities authorized under this section. Of such amounts for each fiscal year—

(1) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2000, and \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 may be used to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out research and assessment activities, including procurement of necessary research equipment, at research laboratories of the National Ocean Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service;

(2) \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$5,500,000 for fiscal year 2000, and \$5,500,000 for fiscal year 2001 may be used to carry out the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECOHAB) project under the Coastal

Ocean Program established under section 201(c) of Public Law 102-567;

(3) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, and \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 may be used by the National Ocean Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out a peer-reviewed research project on management measures that can be taken to prevent, reduce, control, and mitigate harmful algal blooms;

(4) \$5,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001 may be used to carry out Federal and State annual monitoring and analysis activities for harmful algal blooms administered by the National Ocean Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

(5) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$3,750,000 for fiscal year 2000, and \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 may be used for activities related to research and monitoring on hypoxia by the National Ocean Service and the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**SEC. 606. PROTECTION OF STATES' RIGHTS.**

(a) Nothing in this title shall be interpreted to adversely affect existing State regulatory or enforcement power which has been granted to any State through the Clean Water Act or Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

(b) Nothing in this title shall be interpreted to expand the regulatory or enforcement power of the Federal Government which has been delegated to any State through the Clean Water Act or Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, recognized Mr. GILCHREST and Mr. CLEMENT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Pursuant to House Resolution 602, the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 2204 was considered as agreed to.

¶112.46 BRITISH-AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of section 168(b) of Public Law 102-138 and clause 8 of rule 1, appointed to the British-American Interparliamentary Group, on the part of the House, the following Members: Mr. BEREUTER, Chairman, Mr. REGULA, Vice Chairman, Messrs. BOEHLERT, BATEMAN, GILLMOR, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Messrs. BALLENGER, BLUNT, SISISKY, PICKETT, WISE, and TANNER.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointments.

¶112.47 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, October 16, 1998.

¶112.48 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES NOTICE

Mr. KINGSTON, pursuant to House Resolution 589, at 6:25 p.m. announced the Speaker would recognize Members for motions to suspend the rules under clause 2 of rule XXVII with respect to the following bills to be considered tomorrow: H.R. 1197, to amend title 35, United States Code, to protect patent owners against the unauthorized sale of plant parts taken from plants illegally reproduced, and for other purposes; H.R. 1756, to amend chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, to require the development and implementation by the Secretary of the Treasury of a national money laundering and related financial crimes strategy to combat money laundering and related financial crimes, and for other purposes; and S. 610, to implement the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, known as "the Chemical Weapons Convention" and opened for signature and signed by the United States on January 13, 1993.

¶112.49 FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1197. An Act to amend title 35, United States Code, to protect patent owners against the unauthorized sale of plant parts taken from plants illegally reproduced, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1560. An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1756. An Act to amend chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, to require the development and implementation by the Secretary of the Treasury of a national money laundering and related financial crimes strategy to combat money laundering and related financial crimes, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2807) "An Act to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 to prohibit the sale, importation, and exportation of products labeled as containing substances derived from rhinoceros or tiger."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1171. An Act for the relief of Janina Altagracia Castillo-Rojas