

Union Calendar No. 145

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2181

[Report No. 106–251]

To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to acquire and equip fishery survey vessels.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. SAXTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JULY 22, 1999

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fisheries Survey Ves-
5 sel Authorization Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACQUISITION OF FISHERY SURVEY VESSELS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, subject to the
3 availability of appropriations, may in accordance with this
4 section acquire, by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, or
5 charter, and equip up to 6 fishery survey vessels in accord-
6 ance with this section.

7 (b) VESSEL REQUIREMENTS.—Any vessel acquired
8 and equipped under this section must—

9 (1) be capable of—

10 (A) staying at sea continuously for at least
11 30 days;

12 (B) conducting fishery population surveys
13 using hydroacoustic, longlining, deep water, and
14 pelagic trawls, and other necessary survey tech-
15 niques; and

16 (C) conducting other work necessary to
17 provide fishery managers with the accurate and
18 timely data needed to prepare and implement
19 fishery management plans; and

20 (2) have a hull that meets the International
21 Council for Exploration of the Sea standard regard-
22 ing acoustic quietness.

23 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—To carry out this section there
24 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
25 \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002,
26 2003, 2004, and 2005.

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