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H. R. 3670

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Great Lakes program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERSTAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Great Lakes program, 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. GRANTS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AT**
4 **AREAS OF CONCERN.**

5 Section 118(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
6 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

8 “(12) GRANTS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AT
9 AREAS OF CONCERN.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
2 may make grants to States, Indian tribes (as
3 defined in section 518), interstate agencies, and
4 local governments for projects to improve water
5 quality at areas of concern.

6 “(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal
7 share of the cost of a project carried out with
8 amounts from grants made available under this
9 paragraph shall not exceed 60 percent.

10 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
11 TIONS.—In addition to other amounts author-
12 ized under this section, there is authorized to be
13 appropriated to carry out this paragraph
14 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001
15 through 2005.”.

16 **SEC. 2. PROJECTS TO IMPROVE DEGRADED FRESH WATER**
17 **ESTUARY HABITAT.**

18 Section 118(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
19 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)) is further amended by adding
20 at the end the following:

21 “(13) PROJECTS TO IMPROVE DEGRADED
22 FRESH WATER ESTUARY HABITAT.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
24 may undertake (either directly or by making
25 grants or entering into cooperative agreements)

1 projects to improve degraded fresh water estu-
2 ary habitat (including both physical and func-
3 tional restoration) for the purpose of attaining
4 self-sustaining systems integrated into the sur-
5 rounding landscape.

6 “(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal
7 share of the cost of a project carried out under
8 this paragraph shall not exceed 65 percent.

9 “(C) FRESH WATER ESTUARY DEFINED.—
10 In this paragraph, the term ‘fresh water estu-
11 ary’ means all or part of the mouth of a river
12 or stream or other body of water having an
13 unimpaired natural connection with a Great
14 Lake and within which the water from the
15 Great Lake is measurably diluted with water
16 from land drainage.”.

17 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 The first sentence of section 118(h) of the Federal
19 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(h)) is
20 amended to read as follows: “There is authorized to be
21 appropriated to the Administrator to carry out this section
22 \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.”.

1 **SEC. 4. LABOR STANDARDS.**

2 Section 118 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
3 Act (33 U.S.C. 1268) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(i) LABOR STANDARDS.—The Administrator shall
6 take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that, for
7 purposes of section 513, construction funded using
8 amounts from grants made available under this section
9 will be treated in the same manner and subject to the
10 same terms and conditions as construction of treatment
11 works funded using amounts from grants made available
12 under title II.”.

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