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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 2013

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Strategic Response to
5 Asian Carp Invasion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the rapid spread of several invasive species
4 of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi River and
5 Ohio River basins and tributaries threatens eco-
6 systems and billions of dollars of economic activities
7 connected to outdoor recreation in States throughout
8 the Midwest; and

9 (2) while Federal efforts have focused on pre-
10 venting the spread of Asian carp into the Great
11 Lakes, there is growing recognition of the threat
12 Asian carp pose to other ecosystems in the Upper
13 Mississippi and Ohio River basins.

14 **SEC. 3. MULTIAGENCY EFFORT TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF**
15 **ASIAN CARP IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI AND**
16 **OHIO RIVER BASINS AND TRIBUTARIES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the United States
18 Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Chief
19 of Engineers, the Director of the National Park Service,
20 and the Director of the United States Geological Survey,
21 shall lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian
22 carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and
23 tributaries by providing high-level technical assistance, co-
24 ordination, best practices, and support to State and local
25 governments in carrying out activities designed to slow,
26 and eventually eliminate, the threat posed by Asian carp.

1 (b) BEST PRACTICES.—To the maximum extent
2 practicable, the multiagency effort shall apply lessons
3 learned and best practices such as those described in the
4 document prepared by the Asian Carp Working Group en-
5 titled “Management and Control Plan for Bighead, Black,
6 Grass, and Silver Carps in the United States”, and dated
7 November 2007, and the document prepared by the Asian
8 Carp Regional Coordinating Committee entitled “FY 2012
9 Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework” and dated Feb-
10 ruary 2012.

11 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31 of
13 each year, the Director of the United States Fish and
14 Wildlife Service shall submit to the Committee on Appro-
15 priations and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
16 House of Representatives and the Committee on Appro-
17 priations and the Committee on Environmental and Public
18 Works of the Senate a report describing the coordinated
19 strategies established and progress made toward goals to
20 control and eliminate Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi
21 and Ohio River basins and tributaries.

22 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-
23 section (a) shall include—

24 (1) any observed changes in the range of Asian
25 carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins

1 and tributaries during the 2-year period preceding
2 submission of the report;

3 (2) a summary of Federal agency efforts, in-
4 cluding cooperative efforts with non-Federal part-
5 ners, to control the spread of Asian carp in the
6 Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tribu-
7 taries;

8 (3) any research that the Director determines
9 could improve the ability to control the spread of
10 Asian carp;

11 (4) any quantitative measures that Director in-
12 tends to use to document progress in controlling the
13 spread of Asian carp; and

14 (5) a cross-cut accounting of Federal and non-
15 Federal expenditures to control the spread of Asian
16 carp.

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