

Calendar No. 237

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 1344****[Report No. 113–117]**

To promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 23, 2013

Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

NOVEMBER 6, 2013

Reported by Mr. ROCKEFELLER, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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 “Arctic Research, Moni-
5 toring, and Observing Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION.**

2 (a) DUTIES OF THE ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION.—Section 104(a) of the Arctic Research and Policy
3 Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4103(a)) is amended—
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5 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “assist in es-
6 tablishing” and inserting “establish”;

7 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
8 (10) as paragraphs (4) through (11), respectively;
9 and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(3) award—

13 “(A) grants to Federal, State, local, or
14 tribal governments and academic and private
15 organizations to conduct research on or related
16 to the Arctic, including to the marine environ-
17 ment of the Arctic Ocean, its adjacent seas or
18 associated lesser bodies of water; and

19 “(B) such grants on the basis of merit in
20 accordance with the national Arctic research
21 program plan;”.

22 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMISSION.—Section
23 106 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15
24 U.S.C. 4105) is amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
26 end;

1 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(6) enter into agreements with appropriate
5 agencies or organizations to administer grants made
6 pursuant to this title for Arctic research including
7 reimbursement from funds of the Commission to ad-
8 minister such grants.”.

9 (c) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST; ARCTIC RESEARCH
10 COMMISSION.—Section 103 of the Arctic Research and
11 Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4102) is amended by add-
12 ing at the end the following:

13 “(e) CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—The Commission
14 shall adopt conflict of interest and recusal provisions that
15 apply to any decision by the Commission and to all mem-
16 bers of the Commission as if each member of the Commis-
17 sion is an ‘affected individual’ within the meaning of sec-
18 tion 302(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation
19 and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(j)), except that in
20 addition to the disclosure requirements of paragraph (2)
21 of such section 302(j), each member of the Commission
22 shall disclose any financial interest or relationship in an
23 organization or with an individual that is applying for
24 funding from the Commission held by the member of the
25 Commission, including an interest as an officer, director,

1 trustee, partner, employee, contractor, agent, or other rep-
 2 resentative.”.

3 **SEC. 3. NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD.**

4 Subsection (e) of section 401 of the Department of
 5 the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
 6 1998 (43 U.S.C. 1474d(e)) is amended by striking para-
 7 graph (5) and inserting the following:

8 “(5) The Board may adopt such rules of procee-
 9 dure and establish such committees as it deems nec-
 10 essary to carry out the purposes of this title, includ-
 11 ing the conduct of administrative duties between
 12 meetings.

13 “(6) All decisions of the Board shall be by ma-
 14 jority vote of the full board in regular session.

15 “(7) The Board shall adopt conflict of interest
 16 and recusal provisions that apply to any decision by
 17 the Board and to all members of the Board as if
 18 each member of the Board is an ‘affected individual’
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4 “(8) The Secretary of Commerce may accept
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