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# H. R. 5225

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2016

Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. VELA, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BARTON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. OLSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Corps’ Obligation to  
5       Assist in Safeguarding Texas Act” or the “COAST Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COASTAL TEXAS PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

2 **STUDY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Coastal Texas  
4 Protection and Restoration Study—

5 (1) the Secretary of the Army shall take into  
6 consideration studies, data, or information developed  
7 by the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recov-  
8 ery District to expedite completion of the Study; and

9 (2) any studies, data, or information used in  
10 the development of the final recommendations of the  
11 Chief of Engineers shall be credited against the non-  
12 Federal share of study costs.

13 (b) EXPEDITED COMPLETION.—The Secretary shall  
14 expedite completion of the reports for the Coastal Texas  
15 Protection and Restoration Study and, if the Secretary de-  
16 termines that a project described in the completed report  
17 is justified, proceed directly to project preconstruction, en-  
18 gineering, and design.

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