

important that the Senate is moving quickly to pass it so that we can provide our military personnel the housing and facilities they need to perform their duties.

This is a good package that meets the most pressing needs of the military, both in terms of readiness and quality of life issues. It is not, of course, a perfect package. The Conference Report does not include everything that the Senate wanted; nor does it include everything that the House wanted. It does, however, address the priorities of the Department of Defense as well as both Houses of Congress. It is a carefully crafted compromise that is both balanced and bipartisan.

The Chairman highlighted several of the critical items contained in this bill, such as \$1.2 billion for new barracks, \$151 million for military hospitals and medical facilities, \$688 million for new Guard and Reserve facilities, and \$1.34 billion for new family housing for military personnel and their families.

These are important increases that signal a renewed commitment to upgrading and rebuilding the infrastructure that is truly the backbone of our Nation's military. I am proud to support funding for these important programs.

In recent years, we have made real progress in improving family housing for single service members and for families, as well as improving the workplaces for the men and women who serve America both at home and abroad. However, much remains to be done.

It is my hope that in future budgets, we will see sufficient resources to continue the Department of Defense's efforts to modernize, renovate and improve aging defense facilities and infrastructure. The effects of sustained and structural inattention by the Pentagon and the military services to basic infrastructure are apparent on nearly every military installation. This will continue to have long-term implications as facilities continue to age disproportionately without a sustained level of investment in maintenance and repair.

Mr. President, I want to thank Chairman BYRD, Senator STEVENS, and the Chairman of this subcommittee, Senator FEINSTEIN, for their unflagging support and assistance in bringing this conference agreement to the Senate. I also thank the subcommittee staff for their hard work on this measure.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the conference report be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The conference report was agreed to.

RECOGNIZING THE EXPLOITS OF THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF THE S.S. HENRY BACON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 411.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 411) recognizing the exploits of the officers and crew of the S.S. *Henry Bacon*, a United States Liberty ship that was sunk on February 23, 1945, in the waning days of World War II.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution and preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements regarding this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 411) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to H.R. 3389, Calendar No. 463.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3389) to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Senator KERRY has an amendment at the desk. I ask unanimous consent the amendment be considered and agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the bill as amended be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4878) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To reauthorize the National Sea Grant Program, and for other purposes)

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO FINDINGS.

Section 202(a)(6) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)(6)) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting "including strong collaborations between Administration scientists and scientists at academic institutions."

SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.

(a) QUADRENNIAL STRATEGIC PLAN.—Section 204 (c)(1) of the National Sea Grant Col-

lege Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) The Secretary, in consultation with the panel, sea grant colleges, and sea grant institutes, shall develop at least every 4 years a strategic plan that establishes priorities for the national sea grant college program, provides an appropriately balanced response to local, regional, and national needs, and is reflective of integration with the relevant portions of the strategic plans of the Department of Commerce and of the Administration."

(b) PROGRAM EVALUATION AND RATING.—

(1) EVALUATION AND RATING REQUIREMENT.—Section 204(d)(3)(A) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)(3)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

"(A)(i) evaluate the performance of the programs of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes, using the priorities, guidelines, and qualifications established by the Secretary under subsection (c), and determine which of the programs are the best managed and carry out the highest quality research, education, extension, and training activities; and

"(ii) rate the programs according to their relative performance (as determined under clause (i)) into no less than 5 categories, with each of the 2 best-performing categories containing no more than 25 percent of the programs;"

(2) REVIEW OF EVALUATION AND RATING PROCESS.—(A) After 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall contract with the National Academy of Sciences—

(i) to review the effectiveness of the evaluation and rating system under the amendment made by paragraph (1) in determining the relative performance of programs of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes;

(ii) to evaluate whether the sea grant programs have improved as a result of the evaluation process; and

(iii) to make appropriate recommendations to improve the overall effectiveness of the evaluation process.

(B) The National Academy of Sciences shall submit a report to the Congress on the findings and recommendations of the panel under subparagraph (A) by not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING.—Section 204(d)(3)(B) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)(3)(B)) is amended by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of clause (ii) and by adding at the end the following:

"(iv) encourage and promote coordination and cooperation between the research, education, and outreach programs of the Administration and those of academic institutions; and"

SEC. 4. COST SHARE.

Section 205(a) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1124(a)) is amended by striking "section 204(d)(6)" and inserting "section 204(c)(4)(F)".

SEC. 5. FELLOWSHIPS.

(a) ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS.—Section 208(a) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "The Secretary shall strive to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program carried out under this subsection. Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress describing the efforts by the Secretary to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program

carried out under this subsection, and the results of such efforts.”.

(b) POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS.—Section 208(c) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(c)) is repealed.

SEC. 6. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR SEA GRANT REVIEW PANEL.

Section 209(c)(2) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1128(c)(2)) is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: “The term of office of a voting member of the panel shall be 3 years for a member appointed before the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002, and 4 years for a member appointed or reappointed after the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002. The Director may extend the term of office of a voting member of the panel appointed before the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002 by up to 1 year.”.

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 212 of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1131) are amended to read as follows:

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this title—

“(A) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;

“(B) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

“(C) \$77,500,000 for fiscal year 2005;

“(D) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;

“(E) \$82,500,000 for fiscal year 2007; and

“(F) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

“(2) PRIORITY ACTIVITIES.—In addition to the amounts authorized under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2008—

“(A) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for university research on the biology and control of zebra mussels and other important aquatic nonnative species;

“(B) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for university research on oyster diseases, oyster restoration, and oyster-related human health risks;

“(C) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for university research on the biology, prevention, and forecasting of harmful algal blooms, including *Pfiesteria piscicida*; and

“(D) \$3,000,000 for competitive grants for fishery extension activities conducted by sea grant colleges or sea grant institutes to enhance, and not supplant, existing core program funding.

“(b) LIMITATIONS.—

“(1) ADMINISTRATION.—There may not be used for administration of programs under this title in a fiscal year more than 5 percent of the lesser of—

“(A) the amount authorized to be appropriated under this title for the fiscal year; or

“(B) the amount appropriated under this title for the fiscal year.

“(2) USE FOR OTHER OFFICES OR PROGRAMS.—Sums appropriated under the authority of subsection (a)(2) shall not be available for administration of this title by the National Sea Grant Office, for any other Administration or department program, or for any other administrative expenses.

“(c) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—In any fiscal year in which the appropriations made under subsection (a)(1) exceed the amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2003 for the purposes described in such subsection, the Secretary shall distribute any excess amounts (except amounts used for the administration of the sea grant program) to any combination of the following:

“(1) sea grant programs, according to their rating under section 204(d)(3)(A);

“(2) national strategic investments authorized under section 204(b)(4);

“(3) a college, university, institution, association, or alliance for activities that are necessary for it to be designated as a sea grant college or sea grant institute;

“(4) a sea grant college or sea grant institute designated after the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002 but not yet evaluated under section 204(d)(3)(A).”.

SEC. 8. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS IN BECOMING DESIGNATED AS SEA GRANT COLLEGES AND SEA GRANT INSTITUTES.

Section 207 of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (16 U.S.C. 1126) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS.—

“(1) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall report annually to the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, on efforts and progress made by colleges, universities, institutions, associations, and alliances to become designated under this section as sea grant colleges or sea grant institutes, including efforts and progress made by sea grant institutes in being designated as sea grant colleges.

“(2) TERRITORIES AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The report shall include description of—

“(A) efforts made by colleges, universities, associations, institutions, and alliances in United States territories and freely associated States to develop the expertise necessary to be designated as a sea grant institute or sea grant college;

“(B) the administrative, technical, and financial assistance provided by the Secretary to those entities seeking to be designated; and

“(C) the additional actions or activities necessary for those entities to meet the qualifications for such designation under subsection (a)(1).”.

SEC. 9. COORDINATION.

Not later than February 15 of each year, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and the Director of the National Science Foundation shall jointly submit to the Committees on Resources and Science of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on how the oceans and coastal research activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including the Coastal Ocean Program and the National Sea Grant College Program, and of the National Science Foundation will be coordinated during the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the report is submitted. The report shall describe in detail any overlapping ocean and coastal research interests between the agencies and specify how much research interests will be pursued by the programs in a complementary manner:

The bill (H.R. 3389), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION PLACED ON EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—NANCY PELLETT

Mr. REID. On behalf of Senator HARKIN, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session and that the nomination of Nancy Pellett, to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, be discharged from

the Agriculture Committee and be placed on the Executive Calendar, and that the Senate return to legislative session without any intervening action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 3295

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, October 15, at 11 a.m., the Senate proceed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3295, the election reform legislation; this would be under the provisions of the previous order; and that, upon conclusion of the debate on Tuesday, the conference report be set aside to recur on Wednesday at 2:15 p.m., at which time there will be an additional 20 minutes equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking member of the Rules Committee; and that upon the use of that time, without further intervening action or debate, the Senate proceed to vote on adoption of the conference report.

Further, that immediately following the vote on the adoption of the conference report accompanying H.R. 3295, the Senate then proceed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 5010, the Department of Defense appropriations bill; that there be 15 minutes for debate divided as follows: 5 minutes for Senator INOUE, 5 minutes for Senator STEVENS, 5 minutes for Senator WELLSTONE; and that upon the use or yielding back of that time, with no intervening action or debate, the Senate proceed to vote on adoption of that conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS REPORTING THIRTEEN APPROPRIATIONS BILLS BY JULY 31, 2002

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 506, S. Res. 304, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close the debate on the motion to a close the debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 506, S. Res. 304, a resolution encouraging the Senate Appropriations Committee to report 13 fiscally responsible, bipartisan appropriations bills:

Harry Reid, Byron L. Dorgan, Joseph Lieberman, Barbara Boxer, Jean Carnahan, Jeff Bingaman, Daniel K. Akaka, Jim Jeffords, Kent Conrad, Blanche L. Lincoln, Ron