

Board composed of experts in relevant fields to—

(1) advise the Administrator on priority areas for survey and discovery;

(2) assist the program in the development of a five-year strategic plan for the fields of ocean, marine, and Great Lakes science, exploration, and discovery;

(3) annually review the quality and effectiveness of the proposal review process established under section 103(4); and

(4) provide other assistance and advice as requested by the Administrator.

(b) **FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.**—Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Board appointed under subsection (a).

#### **SEC. 105. APPLICATION WITH OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT.**

Nothing in this Act supersedes, or limits the authority of the Secretary of the Interior under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.).

#### **SEC. 106. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out this title—

- (1) \$30,500,000 for fiscal year 2008;
- (2) \$33,550,000 for fiscal year 2009;
- (3) \$36,905,000 for fiscal year 2010;
- (4) \$40,596,000 for fiscal year 2011;
- (5) \$44,655,000 for fiscal year 2012;
- (6) \$49,121,000 for fiscal year 2013; and
- (7) \$54,033,000 for fiscal year 2014.

### **TITLE II—UNDERSEA RESEARCH PROGRAM**

#### **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “National Undersea Research Program Act of 2007”.

#### **SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATION.**

The Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall conduct an undersea research, exploration, education, and technology development program and shall designate a Director of that program.

#### **SEC. 203. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of the program authorized under section 202 is to increase scientific knowledge essential for the informed management, use, and preservation of oceanic, marine, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. The Director, in carrying out the program authorized in section 202, shall cooperate with institutions of higher education and other educational marine and ocean science organizations, and shall make available undersea research facilities, equipment, technologies, information, and expertise to support undersea research efforts by these organizations. The Director may also enter into partnerships, using existing authorities, with the private sector to achieve the goals of the program and to promote technological advancement of the marine industry.

#### **SEC. 204. PROGRAM.**

The program authorized under section 202 shall be conducted through a national headquarters, a network of extramural regional undersea research centers that represent all relevant National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration regions, and the National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology. Overall direction of the program will be developed by the program director with a Council of Center Directors comprised of the directors of the extramural regional centers and the National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology. Draft program direction shall be published not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act. The draft program direction shall be published in the Federal Register for a public comment period of not less than 120 days. Final program direction with Agency responses to the comments received shall be

published in the Federal Register within 90 days after the close of the comment period. The program director shall update the program direction, with opportunity for public comment, at least every five years.

#### **SEC. 205. REGIONAL CENTERS AND INSTITUTE.**

(a) **PROGRAMS.**—The following research, exploration, education, and technology programs shall be conducted through the network of extramural regional centers and the National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology:

(1) Core research and exploration based on national and regional undersea research priorities.

(2) Advanced undersea technology development to support the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s research mission and programs.

(3) Development, testing, and transition of advanced undersea technology associated with ocean observatories, submersibles, advanced diving technologies, remotely operated vehicles, autonomous underwater vehicles, and new sampling and sensing technologies.

(4) Undersea science-based education and outreach programs to enrich ocean science education and public awareness of the oceans and Great Lakes.

(5) Discovery, study, and development of natural products from ocean and aquatic systems.

(b) **OPERATIONS.**—Operation of the extramural regional centers and the National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology shall leverage partnerships and cooperative research with academia and private industry.

#### **SEC. 206. COMPETITION.**

(a) **DISCRETIONARY FUND.**—The program shall allocate no more than 10 percent of its annual budget to a discretionary fund that may be used only for program administration and priority undersea research projects identified by the Director but not covered by funding available from centers.

(b) **COMPETITIVE SELECTION.**—The Administrator shall conduct an initial competition to select the regional centers that will participate in the program 90 days after the publication of the final program direction required in section 204 and every five years thereafter. Funding for projects conducted through the regional centers shall be awarded through a competitive, merit-reviewed process on the basis of their relevance to the goals of the program and their technical feasibility.

#### **SEC. 207. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out this title—

- (1) \$17,500,000 for fiscal year 2008;
- (2) \$19,500,000 for fiscal year 2009;
- (3) \$21,500,000 for fiscal year 2010;
- (4) \$23,500,000 for fiscal year 2011;
- (5) \$25,500,000 for fiscal year 2012;
- (6) \$27,500,000 for fiscal year 2013; and
- (7) \$29,500,000 for fiscal year 2014.

### **TITLE III—INTERAGENCY PLANNING AND COORDINATION**

#### **SEC. 301. OCEAN EXPLORATION AND UNDERSEA RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in coordination with the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the United States Geological Survey, the Department of the Navy, the Mineral Management Service, and relevant governmental, non-governmental, academic, industry, and other experts, shall convene an ocean exploration and undersea research technology and infrastructure task force to develop and implement a strategy—

(1) to facilitate transfer of new exploration and undersea research technology to the programs authorized under titles I and II of this Act;

(2) to improve availability of communications infrastructure, including satellite capabilities, to such programs;

(3) to develop an integrated, workable, and comprehensive data management information processing system that will make information on unique and significant features obtained by such programs available for research and management purposes;

(4) to conduct public outreach activities that improve the public understanding of ocean science, resources, and processes, in conjunction with relevant programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Science Foundation, and other agencies; and

(5) to encourage cost-sharing partnerships with governmental and nongovernmental entities that will assist in transferring exploration and undersea research technology and technical expertise to the programs.

(b) **BUDGET COORDINATION.**—The task force shall coordinate the development of agency budgets and identify the items in their annual budget that support the activities identified in the strategy developed under subsection (a).

Mr. BAIRD (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

### **NATIONAL OCEAN EXPLORATION PROGRAM ACT**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1834, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1834, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 352, nays 49, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 62]

YEAS—352

Abercrombie	Baca	Bean
Aderholt	Bachmann	Becerra
Akin	Bachus	Berkley
Alexander	Baird	Berman
Allen	Baldwin	Berry
Altmire	Barrow	Biggert
Andrews	Bartlett (MD)	Bilbray
Arcuri	Barton (TX)	Bilirakis

Bishop (NY)	Gordon	McNerney	Terry	Walsh (NY)	Wexler	[Roll No. 63]	
Blumenauer	Granger	McNulty	Thompson (CA)	Walz (MN)	Whitfield (KY)	YEAS—400	
Blunt	Graves	Meek (FL)	Thompson (MS)	Wamp	Wilson (NM)		
Bonner	Green, Al	Meeks (NY)	Tiberi	Wasserman	Wilson (OH)	Abercrombie	Dent
Bono Mack	Green, Gene	Melancon	Tierney	Schultz	Wittman (VA)	Aderholt	Diaz-Balart, L.
Boozman	Grijalva	Mica	Tsongas	Waters	Wolf	Akin	Diaz-Balart, M.
Boren	Gutierrez	Michaud	Turner	Watson	Woolsey	Alexander	Dicks
Boswell	Hall (NY)	Miller (MI)	Udall (NM)	Watt	Wu	Allen	Dingell
Boucher	Hall (TX)	Miller, Gary	Upton	Waxman	Yarmuth	Altmire	Doggett
Boustany	Hare	Miller, George	Van Hollen	Weiner	Young (AK)	Andrews	Donnelly
Boyd (FL)	Harman	Mitchell	Velázquez	Welch (VT)	Young (FL)	Arcuri	Doolittle
Boyd (KS)	Hastings (FL)	Mollohan	Visclosky	Weldon (FL)		Baca	Doyle
Brady (PA)	Heller	Moore (KS)	Walden (OR)	Weller		Bachmann	Dreier
Brady (TX)	Herger	Moore (WI)				Bachus	Duncan
Braley (IA)	Herseth Sandlin	Moran (VA)				Baird	Edwards
Brown (SC)	Higgins	Murphy (CT)	Barrett (SC)	Hensarling	Radanovich	Baldwin	Ehlers
Brown-Waite,	Hill	Murphy, Patrick	Blackburn	Johnson, Sam	Royce	Barrett (SC)	Ellison
Ginny	Hinchey	Murphy, Tim	Broun (GA)	Jordan	Ryan (WI)	Barrow	Ellsworth
Buchanan	Hinojosa	Murtha	Campbell (CA)	Kingston	Sali	Bartlett (MD)	Emanuel
Burton (IN)	Hirono	Musgrave	Cantor	Lamborn	Sensenbrenner	Barton (TX)	Emerson
Butterfield	Hobson	Nadler	Carter	Latta	Sessions	Bean	English (PA)
Buyer	Hodes	Napolitano	Conaway	Manzullo	Shadegg	Becerra	Etheridge
Calvert	Hoekstra	Oberstar	Culberson	Marchant	Shuster	Berkley	Everett
Camp (MI)	Holden	Obey	Doolittle	Miller (FL)	Stearns	Berman	Fallin
Cannon	Holt	Oliver	Duncan	Moran (KS)	Sullivan	Berry	Farr
Capito	Hooley	Ortiz	Flake	Myrick	Tancredo	Biggart	Fattah
Capps	Hoyer	Pallone	Fox	Neugebauer	Thornberry	Billbray	Ferguson
Cardoza	Hulshof	Pascarell	Franks (AZ)	Nunes	Tiahrt	Bilirakis	Filner
Carnahan	Hunter	Pastor	Garrett (NJ)	Paul	Walberg	Bishop (GA)	Flake
Carney	Inglis (SC)	Payne	Gingrey	Pence	Wilson (SC)	Bishop (NY)	Forbes
Castle	Inslee	Pearce	Gohmert	Petri		Blackburn	Fortenberry
Castor	Israel	Perlmutter	Hastings (WA)	Poe		Blumenauer	Fossella
Chabot	Issa	Peterson (MN)				Blunt	Fox
Chandler	Jackson (IL)	Pickering	Ackerman	Drake	Peterson (PA)	Boehner	Frank (MA)
Clarke	Jackson-Lee	Pitts	Bishop (GA)	Engel	Pryce (OH)	Bonner	Franks (AZ)
Clay	(TX)	Platts	Bishop (UT)	Feeney	Ruppersberger	Bono Mack	Frelinghuysen
Cleaver	Jefferson	Pomeroy	Boehner	Hayes	Slaughter	Boozman	Gallegly
Clyburn	Johnson (GA)	Porter	Brown, Corrine	Honda	Solis	Boren	Garrett (NJ)
Coble	Johnson (IL)	Price (GA)	Burgess	Jones (OH)	Towns	Boswell	Gerlach
Cohen	Johnson, E. B.	Price (NC)	Capuano	Lowe	Udall (CO)	Boucher	Giffords
Cole (OK)	Jones (NC)	Putnam	Conyers	Miller (NC)	Westmoreland	Boustany	Gilchrest
Cooper	Kagen	Rahall	Deal (GA)	Neal (MA)	Wynn	Boyd (FL)	Gillibrand
Costa	Kanjorski	Ramstad				Boyd (KS)	Gingrey
Costello	Kaptur	Rangel				Brady (PA)	Gohmert
Courtney	Keller	Regula				Brady (TX)	Gonzalez
Cramer	Kennedy	Rehberg				Braley (IA)	Goode
Crenshaw	Kildee	Reichert				Broun (GA)	Goodlatte
Crowley	Kilpatrick	Renzi				Brown (SC)	Gordon
Cubin	Kind	Reyes				Brown-Waite,	Graves
Cuellar	King (IA)	Reynolds				Ginny	Green, Al
Cummings	King (NY)	Richardson				Buchanan	Green, Gene
Davis (AL)	Kirk	Rodriguez				Burton (IN)	Grijalva
Davis (CA)	Klein (FL)	Rogers (AL)				Butterfield	Gutierrez
Davis (IL)	Kline (MN)	Rogers (KY)				Buyer	Hall (NY)
Davis (KY)	Knollenberg	Rogers (MI)				Calvert	Hall (TX)
Davis, David	Kucinich	Rohrabacher				Camp (MI)	Hare
Davis, Lincoln	Kuhl (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen				Campbell (CA)	Harman
Davis, Tom	LaHood	Roskam				Cannon	Hastings (FL)
DeFazio	Lampson	Ross				Cantor	Hastings (WA)
DeGette	Langevin	Rothman				Capito	Heller
Delahunt	Larsen (WA)	Roybal-Allard				Capps	Hensarling
DeLauro	Larson (CT)	Rush				Cardoza	Herger
Dent	Latham	Ryan (OH)				Carnahan	Herseth Sandlin
Diaz-Balart, L.	LaTourette	Salazar				Carney	Higgins
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lee	Sánchez, Linda				Carter	Hill
Dicks	Levin	T.				Castle	Hinchey
Dingell	Lewis (CA)	Sanchez, Loretta				Castor	Hirono
Doggett	Lewis (GA)	Sarbanoes				Chabot	Hobson
Donnelly	Lewis (KY)	Saxton				Chandler	Hodes
Doyle	Linder	Schakowsky				Clarke	Moore (KS)
Dreier	Lipinski	Schiff				Clay	Moran (KS)
Edwards	LoBiondo	Schmidt				Cleaver	Moran (VA)
Ehlers	Loeb sack	Schwartz				Clyburn	Murphy (CT)
Ellison	Lofgren, Zoe	Scott (GA)				Coble	Murphy, Patrick
Ellsworth	Lucas	Scott (VA)				Cohen	Murphy, Tim
Emanuel	Lungren, Daniel	Serrano				Cole (OK)	Murtha
Emerson	E.	Sestak				Conaway	Musgrave
English (PA)	Lynch	Shays				Cooper	Myrick
Eshoo	Mack	Shea-Porter				Costa	Nadler
Etheridge	Mahoney (FL)	Sherman				Costello	Napolitano
Everett	Maloney (NY)	Shimkus				Courtney	Neugebauer
Fallin	Markley	Shuler				Cramer	Nunes
Farr	Marshall	Simpson				Crenshaw	Oberstar
Fattah	Matheson	Sires				Crowley	Obey
Ferguson	Matsui	Skelton				Cubin	Oliver
Filner	McCarthy (CA)	Smith (NE)				Cuellar	Ortiz
Forbes	McCarthy (NY)	Smith (NJ)				Culberson	Pallone
Fortenberry	McCaul (TX)	Smith (TX)				Cummings	Pascarell
Fossella	McCollum (MN)	Smith (WA)				Davis (AL)	Pastor
Frank (MA)	McCotter	Snyder				Davis (CA)	Paul
Frelinghuysen	McCrery	Souder				Davis (IL)	Payne
Gallegly	McDermott	Space				Davis (KY)	Pearce
Gerlach	McGovern	Spratt				Davis, David	Pence
Giffords	McHenry	Stark				Davis, Lincoln	Perlmutter
Gilchrest	McHugh	Stupak				Davis, Tom	Peterson (MN)
Gillibrand	McIntyre	Sutton				DeFazio	Petri
Gonzalez	McKeon	Tanner				DeGette	Pickering
Goode	McMorris	Tauscher				Delahunt	Pitts
Goodlatte	Rodgers	Taylor				DeLauro	Platts

## NAYS—49

## NOT VOTING—27

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. PENCE and Mr. LAMBORN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 62, on motion to suspend and pass H.R. 1834, authorizing Ocean Exploration Program Act, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea”.

# MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2571, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CARDOZA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2571. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 0, not voting 28, as follows: