

Claims Commission Records, Records of the Freedmen's Bank, Slave Impressments Records, Slave Payroll Records, Slave Manifest, and others, contained within the agencies and departments of the Federal Government to assist African Americans and others in conducting genealogical and historical research.

(b) **MAINTENANCE.**—Any database established under this section shall be maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration or an entity within the National Archives and Records Administration designated by the Archivist of the United States.

**SEC. 8. GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL DATABASES FOR RECORDS OF SERVITUDE, EMANCIPATION, AND POST-CIVIL WAR RECONSTRUCTION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Executive Director of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives and Records Administration may make grants to States, colleges and universities, museums, libraries, and genealogical associations to preserve records and establish electronically searchable databases consisting of local records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction.

(b) **MAINTENANCE.**—Any database established using a grant under this section shall be maintained by appropriate agencies or institutions designated by the Executive Director of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

**HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2007**

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 467, S. 1582.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1582) to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italics.)

S. 1582

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007".

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

The Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 302 through 306 as sections 303 through 307, respectively; and

(2) by inserting after section 301 the following:

**"SEC. 302. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

"(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Congress finds the following:

"(1) In 2007, the Nation celebrates the 200th anniversary of its oldest scientific agency, the Survey of the Coast, which was author-

ized by Congress and created by President Thomas Jefferson in 1807 to conduct surveys of the coast and provide nautical charts for safe passage through the Nation's ports and along its extensive coastline.

"(2) These mission requirements and capabilities, which today are located in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, evolved over time to include—

"(A) research, development, operations, products, and services associated with hydrographic, geodetic, shoreline, and baseline surveying;

"(B) cartography, mapping, and charting;

"(C) tides, currents, and water level observations;

"(D) maintenance of a national spatial reference system; and

"(E) associated products and services.

"(3) There is a need to maintain Federal expertise and capability in hydrographic data and services to support a safe and efficient marine transportation system for the enhancement and promotion of international trade and interstate commerce vital to the Nation's economic prosperity and for myriad other commercial and recreational activities.

"(4) The Nation's marine transportation system is becoming increasingly congested, the volume of international maritime commerce is expected to double within the next 20 years, and nearly half of the cargo transiting United States waters is oil, refined petroleum products, or other hazardous substances.

"(5) In addition to commerce, hydrographic data and services support other national needs for the Great Lakes and coastal waters, the territorial sea, the Exclusive Economic Zone, and the continental shelf of the United States, including—

"(A) emergency response;

"(B) homeland security;

"(C) marine resource conservation;

"(D) coastal resiliency to sea-level rise, coastal inundation, and other hazards;

"(E) ocean and coastal science advancement; and

"(F) improved and integrated ocean and coastal mapping and observations for an integrated ocean observing system.

"(6) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in cooperation with other agencies and the States, serves as the Nation's leading civil authority for establishing and maintaining national standards and datums for hydrographic data and services.

"(7) The Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Coast Survey serves as the National Hydrographer and the primary United States representative to the international hydrographic community, including the International Hydrographic Organization.

"(8) The hydrographic expertise, data, and services of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provide the underlying and authoritative basis for baseline and boundary demarcation, including the establishment of marine and coastal territorial limits and jurisdiction, such as the Exclusive Economic Zone.

"(9) Research, development and application of new technologies will further increase efficiency, promote the Nation's competitiveness, provide social and economic benefits, enhance safety and environmental protection, and reduce risks.

"(b) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of this Act are—

"(1) to augment the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to fulfill its responsibilities under this and other authorities;

"(2) to provide more accurate and up-to-date hydrographic data and services in sup-

port of safe and efficient international trade and interstate commerce, including—

"(A) hydrographic surveys;

"(B) electronic navigational charts;

"(C) real-time tide, water level, and current information and forecasting;

"(D) shoreline surveys; and

"(E) geodesy and 3-dimensional positioning data;

"(3) to support homeland security, emergency response, ecosystem approaches to marine management, and coastal resiliency by providing hydrographic data and services with many other useful operational, scientific, engineering, and management applications, including—

"(A) storm surge, tsunami, coastal flooding, erosion, and pollution trajectory monitoring, predictions, and warnings;

"(B) marine and coastal geographic information systems;

"(C) habitat restoration;

"(D) long-term sea-level trends; and

"(E) more accurate environmental assessments and monitoring;

"(4) to promote improved integrated ocean and coastal mapping and observations through increased coordination and cooperation;

"(5) to provide for and support research and development in hydrographic data, services and related technologies to enhance the efficiency, accuracy and availability of hydrographic data and services and thereby promote the Nation's scientific and technological competitiveness; [and]

"(6) to provide training in acquisition and application of hydrographic data; and

"[(6)] (7) to provide national and international leadership for hydrographic and related services, sciences, and technologies.".

**SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

Section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892), as redesignated by section 2, is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows: *striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:*

"(3) **HYDROGRAPHIC DATA.**—The term "hydrographic data" means information acquired through hydrographic, bathymetric, or shoreline surveying; geodetic, geospatial, or geomagnetic measurements; tide, water level, and current observations, or other methods, that is used in providing hydrographic services.".

(2) by striking paragraph (4)(A) and inserting the following:

"(A) the management, maintenance, interpretation, certification, and dissemination of bathymetric, hydrographic, shoreline, geodetic, geospatial, geomagnetic, and tide, water level, and current information, including the production of nautical charts, nautical information databases, and other products derived from hydrographic data;" and

(3) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

"(5) **COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY ACT.**—The term "Coast and Geodetic Survey Act" means the Act entitled "An Act to define the functions and duties of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and for other purposes", approved August 6, 1947 (33 U.S.C. 883a et seq.)."

**SEC. 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.**

Section 304 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892a), as redesignated by section 2, is amended—

(1) by striking "the Act of 1947," in subsection (a) and inserting "the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act, promote safe, efficient, and environmentally sound marine transportation, and otherwise fulfill the purposes of this Act,";

(2) by striking "data;" in subsection [(a)(1)] (a)(1) and inserting "data and provide hydrographic services;" and

(3) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) **AUTHORITIES.**—To fulfill the data gathering and dissemination duties of the Administration under the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act, promote safe, efficient, and environmentally sound marine transportation, and otherwise fulfill the purposes of this Act, subject to the availability of appropriations—

“(1) the Administrator may procure, lease, evaluate, test, develop, and operate vessels, equipment, and technologies necessary to ensure safe navigation and maintain operational expertise in hydrographic data acquisition and hydrographic services;

“(2) the Administrator shall design, install, maintain, and operate real-time hydrographic monitoring systems to enhance navigation safety and efficiency;

“(3) where appropriate and to the extent that it does not detract from the promotion of safe and efficient navigation, the Administrator may acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services to support the conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources;

“(4) where appropriate, the Administrator may acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services to save and protect life and property and support the resumption of commerce in response to emergencies, natural and man-made disasters, and homeland security and maritime domain awareness needs, including obtaining Mission Assignments as defined in section 641 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 741);

“(5) the Administrator may create, support, and maintain such joint centers, and enter into and perform such contracts, leases, grants, or cooperative agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act; and

“(6) notwithstanding paragraph (5), the Administrator shall award contracts for the acquisition of hydrographic data in accordance with title IX of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).”

#### SEC. 5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM.

Subsection (b) of section 305 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892b), as redesignated by section 2, is amended by striking “303(a)(3)” each place it appears and inserting “304(a)(3)”.

#### SEC. 6. HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES REVIEW PANEL.

Section 306 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892c), as redesignated by section 2, is amended—

(1) by striking “303” in subsection (b)(1) and inserting “304”;

(2) by striking subsection (c)(1)(A) and inserting “(A) The panel shall consist of 15 voting members who shall be appointed by the Administrator. The Co-directors of the [Joint Hydrographic Institute] Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping/Joint Hydrographic Center and no more than 2 employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration appointed by the Administrator shall serve as nonvoting members of the panel. The voting members of the panel shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in 1 or more of the disciplines and fields relating to hydrographic data and hydrographic [services.] services, marine transportation, port administration, vessel pilotage, coastal and fishery management, and other disciplines as determined appropriate by the Administrator.”;

(3) by striking “Secretary” in subsections (c)(1)(C), (c)(3), and (e) and inserting “Administrator”; and

(4) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) **COMPENSATION.**—Voting members of the panel shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses, such as travel and per diem, incurred in the performance of such duties.”.

#### SEC. 7. AUTHORIZED COMMISSION OFFICERS.

Section 215 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3005) is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 215. NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The total number of authorized commissioned officers in the NOAA Corps shall not exceed 428.

“(b) **FISCAL YEAR STRENGTH.**—The Secretary shall establish the strength for the NOAA Corps each fiscal year. The actual number of authorized officers will be based on organizational needs and available appropriated funding.

“(c) **CERTAIN OFFICERS.**—Officers serving under section 228 and officers recalled from retired status shall not be counted in determining authorized strength under subsection (a) and shall not count against that strength.”.

#### [SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.]

#### SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 307 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892d), as redesignated by section 2, is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 307. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 for the purposes of carrying out this Act.”.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendments be withdrawn, that an Inouye substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 5667) was agreed to, as follow:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2008”.

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

Section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892) is amended by striking paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) and inserting the following:

“(3) **HYDROGRAPHIC DATA.**—The term ‘hydrographic data’ means information that—

“(A) is acquired through—

“(i) hydrographic, bathymetric, photogrammetric, lidar, radar, remote sensing, or shoreline and other ocean- and coastal-related surveying;

“(ii) geodetic, geospatial, or geomagnetic measurements;

“(iii) tide, water level, and current observations; or

“(iv) other methods; and

“(B) is used in providing hydrographic services.

“(4) **HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES.**—The term ‘hydrographic services’ means—

“(A) the management, maintenance, interpretation, certification, and dissemination of bathymetric, hydrographic, shoreline, geodetic, geospatial, geomagnetic, and tide,

water level, and current information, including the production of nautical charts, nautical information databases, and other products derived from hydrographic data;

“(B) the development of nautical information systems; and

“(C) related activities.

“(5) **COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY ACT.**—The term ‘Coast and Geodetic Survey Act’ means the Act entitled ‘An Act to define the functions and duties of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and for other purposes’, approved August 6, 1947 (33 U.S.C. 883a et seq.).”.

#### SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.

Section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892a) is amended—

(1) by striking “the Act of 1947,” in subsection (a) and inserting “the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act, promote safe, efficient and environmentally sound marine transportation, and otherwise fulfill the purposes of this Act.”;

(2) by striking “data,” in subsection (a)(1) and inserting “data and provide hydrographic services;” and

(3) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) **AUTHORITIES.**—To fulfill the data gathering and dissemination duties of the Administration under the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act, promote safe, efficient, and environmentally sound marine transportation, and otherwise fulfill the purposes of this Act, subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator—

“(1) may procure, lease, evaluate, test, develop, and operate vessels, equipment, and technologies necessary to ensure safe navigation and maintain operational expertise in hydrographic data acquisition and hydrographic services;

“(2) shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, design, install, maintain, and operate real-time hydrographic monitoring systems to enhance navigation safety and efficiency; and

“(3) where appropriate and to the extent that it does not detract from the promotion of safe and efficient navigation, may acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services to support the conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources;

“(4) where appropriate, may acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services to save and protect life and property and support the resumption of commerce in response to emergencies, natural and man-made disasters, and homeland security and maritime domain awareness needs, including obtaining mission assignments (as defined in section 641 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 741));

“(5) may create, support, and maintain such joint centers with other Federal agencies and other entities as the Administrator deems appropriate or necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act; and

“(6) notwithstanding the existence of such joint centers, shall award contracts for the acquisition of hydrographic data in accordance with subchapter VI of chapter 10 of title 40, United States Code.”.

#### SEC. 4. HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES REVIEW PANEL.

Section 305(c)(1)(A) of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892c(c)(1)(A)) is amended to read as follows: “(A) The panel shall consist of 15 voting members who shall be appointed by the Administrator. The Co-directors of the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping/Joint Hydrographic Center and no more than 2 employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration appointed by the Administrator shall serve as nonvoting members of

the panel. The voting members of the panel shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in 1 or more of the disciplines and fields relating to hydrographic data and hydrographic services, marine transportation, port administration, vessel pilotage, coastal and fishery management, and other disciplines as determined appropriate by the Administrator.”.

#### SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 306 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892d) is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 306. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator the following:

“(1) To carry out nautical mapping and charting functions under sections 304 and 305, except for conducting hydrographic surveys—

“(A) \$55,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

“(B) \$56,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

“(C) \$57,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

“(D) \$58,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

“(2) To contract for hydrographic surveys under section 304(b)(1), including the leasing or time chartering of vessels—

“(A) \$32,130,000 for fiscal year 2009;

“(B) \$32,760,000 for fiscal year 2010;

“(C) \$33,390,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

“(D) \$34,020,000 for fiscal year 2012.

“(3) To operate hydrographic survey vessels owned by the United States and operated by the Administration—

“(A) \$25,900,000 for fiscal year 2009;

“(B) \$26,400,000 for fiscal year 2010;

“(C) \$26,900,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

“(D) \$27,400,000 for fiscal year 2012.

“(4) To carry out geodetic functions under this title—

“(A) \$32,640,000 for fiscal year 2009;

“(B) \$33,280,000 for fiscal year 2010;

“(C) \$33,920,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

“(D) \$34,560,000 for fiscal year 2012.

“(5) To carry out tide and current measurement functions under this title—

“(A) \$27,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

“(B) \$27,500,000 for fiscal year 2010;

“(C) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

“(D) \$28,500,000 for fiscal year 2012.

“(6) To acquire a replacement hydrographic survey vessel capable of staying at sea continuously for at least 30 days \$75,000,000.”.

#### SEC. 6. AUTHORIZED NOAA CORPS STRENGTH.

Section 215 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3005) is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 215. NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

“Effective October 1, 2009, the total number of authorized commissioned officers on the lineal list of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall be increased from 321 to 379 if—

“(1) the Secretary has submitted to the Congress—

“(A) the Administration’s ship recapitalization plan for fiscal years 2010 through 2024;

“(B) the Administration’s aircraft modernization plan; and

“(C) supporting workforce management plans;

“(2) appropriated funding is available; and

“(3) the Secretary has justified organizational needs for the commissioned corps for each such fiscal year.”

The bill (S. 1582), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### REAUTHORIZING AND AMENDING THE NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5618, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5618) to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 5668) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

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 Amendments Act of 2008”.

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise expressly provided therein, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.).

#### SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraphs (D) and (E) of paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(D) encourage the development of preparation, forecast, analysis, mitigation, response, and recovery systems for coastal hazards;

“(E) understand global environmental processes and their impacts on ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources; and”;

(2) by striking “program of research, education,” in paragraph (2) and inserting “program of integrated research, education, extension,”; and

(3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the national sea grant college program, offers the most suitable locus and means for such commitment and engagement through the promotion of activities that will result in greater such understanding, assessment, development, management, utilization, and conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. The most cost-effective way to promote such activities is through continued and increased Federal support of the establishment, development, and operation of programs and projects by sea grant colleges, sea grant institutes, and other institutions, including strong collaborations between Ad-

ministration scientists and research and outreach personnel at academic institutions.”.

(b) PURPOSE.—Section 202(c) (33 U.S.C. 1121(c)) is amended by striking “to promote research, education, training, and advisory service activities” and inserting “to promote integrated research, education, training, and extension services and activities”.

(c) TERMINOLOGY.—Subsections (a) and (b) of section 202 (15 U.S.C. 1121(a) and (b)) are amended by inserting “management,” after “development,” each place it appears.

#### SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203 (33 U.S.C. 1122) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4) by inserting “management,” after “development,”;

(2) in paragraph (11) by striking “advisory services” and inserting “extension services”; and

(3) in each of paragraphs (12) and (13) by striking “(33 U.S.C. 1126)”.

(b) REPEAL.—Section 307 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the designation of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary” (Public Law 102-251; 106 Stat. 66) is repealed.

#### SEC. 5. NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.

(a) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Section 204(b) (33 U.S.C. 1123(b)) is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) sea grant programs that comprise a national sea grant college program network, including international projects conducted within such programs and regional and national projects conducted among such programs;”;

(2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) administration of the national sea grant college program and this title by the national sea grant office and the Administration;”;

(3) by amending paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) any regional or national strategic investments in fields relating to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources developed in consultation with the Board and with the approval of the sea grant colleges and the sea grant institutes.”.

(b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 204(c)(2) (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)(2)) is amended by striking “Within 6 months of the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization Act of 1998, the” and inserting “The”.

(c) FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.—Section 204(d) (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “long range”;

(2) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(A) by striking “(A)(i) evaluate” and inserting “(A) evaluate and assess”;

(B) by striking “activities; and” and inserting “activities;”;

(C) by striking clause (ii); and

(3) in paragraph (3)(B)—

(A) by redesignating clauses (ii) through (iv) as clauses (iii) through (v), respectively, and by inserting after clause (i) the following:

“(ii) encourage collaborations among sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes to address regional and national priorities established under subsection (c)(1);”;

(B) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated) by striking “encourage” and inserting “ensure”;

(C) in clause (iv) (as so redesignated) by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(D) by inserting after clause (v) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(vi) encourage cooperation with Minority Serving Institutions to enhance collaborative research opportunities and increase