

SEC. 5. GAO REPORT.

Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report on—

- (1) Government-wide trends in agency software asset management practices;
- (2) comparisons of software asset management practices among agencies;
- (3) the establishment by the Director of processes to identify, define, and harmonize common definitions, terms, and conditions under section 4(e);
- (4) agency compliance with the restrictions on contract support under section 3(b); and
- (5) other analyses of and findings regarding the plans of agencies, as determined by the Comptroller General of the United States.

SEC. 6. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. TIMMONS) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, Federal agencies spend billions of dollars a year on software licenses without a full understanding of what they are purchasing and how it compares to what they are already paying for. The result is wasteful spending on duplicative or unnecessary software licenses.

H.R. 5457 requires Federal agencies to take an inventory of their software licenses to better understand how it is used, who uses it, and how many licenses go unused. The bill will also provide Congress with better insights into how our Federal agencies purchase and use software.

The text we are considering today is identical to the text we passed out of the House by voice vote last Congress. This bill improves government software purchasing without unduly limiting the procurement options of Federal agencies.

It requires each agency to better manage its software and develop a plan for addressing any costly, unnecessary licenses. This will reduce wasteful spending and improve government efficiency.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. BROWN for bringing this important legislation back to this Congress. I also thank Mr. FALLON and Ms. MACE for their early and continued support of this bill.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, this is a great bill, and I support it. I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. BROWN), the sponsor of this legislation.

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5457, the Strengthening Agency Management and Oversight of Software Assets Act.

The SAMOSA Act is a straightforward, good-government bill that has strong bipartisan support from members of the Oversight Committee. I reintroduced this legislation earlier this year with Congresswoman MACE, the chair of the Oversight Committee's Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation; Congressman PAT FALLON; and Congresswoman APRIL MCCLAIN DELANEY as co-leads. I thank them for their support.

I will also take a moment to recognize the late Congressman CONNOLLY, who worked tirelessly on this legislation and who had introduced the SAMOSA Act prior to his passing.

This is legislation that will improve the acquisition process for Federal agencies, help the government better manage software needs, and ultimately save taxpayer dollars.

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Agencies across the Federal Government spend around \$33 billion in taxpayer money on software every year, but right now, many agencies don't actually have a list of what they own, what they are fully using, or whether they are buying the same thing twice.

That doesn't make any sense, and this bill solves the problem.

This bill streamlines how agencies track, manage, and report their software assets by requiring complete assessments on the software paid for, used, or deployed at each agency.

It also requires agencies to submit these assessments to the Office of Management and Budget, the General Services Administration, and Congress so that Congress and these agencies can oversee spending and contracting software practices.

By requiring agencies to do these assessments and review software assets, this bill can improve planning for software management, automate processes, train staff, and improve our cybersecurity.

Here is a key point: Industry experts estimate the bill could save up to \$750 million each year in taxpayer funding. This is real government efficiency, and it is from legislation that has gone through committee with support and input from both sides of the aisle.

As the legislative year comes to a close, let's pass the SAMOSA Act and lower costs for taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I urge support for this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this commonsense legislation that will reduce wasteful spending and improve government efficiency.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. TIMMONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5457, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST SARAH BECKSTROM AND UNITED STATES AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT ANDREW WOLFE, WHO WERE TRAGICALLY SHOT IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN A TARGETED ASSAULT AGAINST UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBERS ON NOVEMBER 26, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 923) a resolution honoring the service and sacrifice of United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, who were tragically shot in Washington, D.C., in a targeted assault against United States servicemembers on November 26, 2025, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 923

Whereas, on the afternoon of November 26, 2025, members of the National Guard on patrol in Washington, D.C. as part of the D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force were violently assaulted with gunfire in a vicious, targeted attack;

Whereas United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, both members of the West Virginia National Guard, sustained severe gunshot wounds during the attack;

Whereas Specialist Beckstrom succumbed to her injuries and passed away surrounded by her loved ones on November 27, 2025, making the ultimate sacrifice in service to her country;

Whereas Staff Sergeant Wolfe was hospitalized before a transfer to an in-patient rehabilitation facility;

Whereas United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, who was 20 years old at the time of her passing, was from Summersville, West Virginia, enlisted on June 6, 2023, weeks after graduating with honors from Webster County High School, and was assigned to the 863rd Military Police Company, 111th Engineer Brigade of the West Virginia Army National Guard;

Whereas Specialist Beckstrom worked a civilian job as a community engagement specialist at a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center in Summersville, West Virginia that provides mental health and substance use disorder treatment;

Whereas United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, age 24, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, a graduate of Musselman High School in Inwood, West Virginia, enlisted on February 5, 2019, while still in high school, and was assigned to the Force Support Squadron, 167th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia Air National Guard;

Whereas, in his civilian job, Staff Sergeant Wolfe has worked as a lineman with Frontier Communications since 2023, which has benefited his community by bringing connectivity to more homes and businesses in West Virginia;

Whereas Specialist Beckstrom and Staff Sergeant Wolfe have both received an outpouring of support and praise from their communities and from around the country as individuals who served with distinction, earned the admiration and respect of their communities, and acted selflessly and courageously on behalf of others; and

Whereas Specialist Beckstrom and Staff Sergeant Wolfe had both recently volunteered to extend their deployments in Washington, D.C. and continue their service to help keep the Capital of the United States safe: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the memory, service and sacrifice of United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom for her dedicated service to her State and to her country as a member of the West Virginia National Guard;

(2) honors the service and sacrifice of United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe for his dedicated service to his State and to his country as a member of the West Virginia National Guard;

(3) extends its sympathies, gratitude, and support for the Beckstrom and Wolfe families for all they have endured and will face because of this attack, as their love and support have been the foundation of the service of Specialist Beckstrom and Staff Sergeant Wolfe to their State and the United States;

(4) honors the bravery of National Guard members on the scene who displayed courage and strength while under attack;

(5) expresses gratitude for the swift action of members of the National Guard and first responders on the scene who responded to the attack and apprehended the attacker;

(6) condemns in the strongest terms the horrific, violent assault on United States servicemembers in the Capital of the United States; and

(7) recognizes that the men and women who volunteer to serve their communities and their country as members of the National Guard represent the very best of the United States of America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN) and the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. TOKUDA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe were tragically shot just before the Thanksgiving holiday here in Washington, D.C.

As members of the West Virginia National Guard on duty in the Nation's Capital, Specialist Beckstrom and Staff Sergeant Wolfe were targeted and violently assaulted with a barrage of gunfire for doing nothing less than performing their duty as a soldier and an airman. Both of them sustained severe gunshot wounds during the attack.

Sadly, Specialist Beckstrom succumbed to her injuries and passed away, surrounded by loved ones, on Thanksgiving Day, while Staff Sergeant Wolfe remains in recovery. We wish him speedy success in that effort to be back on his feet.

These two young guardsmen represent the best of what our Nation has to offer, making this horrific attack a truly devastating loss not just for those who knew them, served with them, and loved them, but it is, indeed, a tragic event for our entire Nation.

Specialist Beckstrom was 20 years old at the time of her passing. An excellent student and dedicated guardsman, she graduated with honors from Webster County High School in West Virginia. Weeks later, on June 6, she joined the West Virginia National Guard. Sarah embodied selfless service.

In Sarah's civilian job, she worked as a community engagement specialist at a certified community behavioral health clinic that provides mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment to those in need. She recently volunteered to extend her deployment here in Washington, D.C.

Sarah was admired by all who knew her. She served admirably and with distinction, and I would argue she is admired even by those who didn't know her for her selfless sacrifice on behalf of her colleagues in West Virginia, but also on behalf of grateful citizens across our Nation.

We honor her dedication, honor her service, and express our deepest condolences to her loved ones.

Sarah will indeed be missed, but her legacy will live on. Her selfless sacrifice will live on in the hearts and minds of her fellow citizens in West Virginia, but also those of us across the Nation.

Staff Sergeant Wolfe enlisted in the West Virginia National Guard before he even finished high school. At 24 years old, he voluntarily requested to continue his mission here in Washington, D.C., through the holidays.

A dedicated airman, Andrew is also an asset to his community, his State, and our Nation. As a lineman with Frontier Communications, Andrew brought connectivity and communications to many communities across West Virginia, in many areas that needed it the most.

Andrew was dedicated to making sure that people had that connectivity and had that connection to the internet that they needed just for the basic elements of life, but also for educational opportunities.

Like Sarah, Andrew proved himself to be a selfless warrior, serving with distinction and earning the admiration of all who knew him.

We join with his friends and family in praying for his full recovery, and we hope his journey to healing is swift and painless.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the first responders, law enforcement, and National Guardsmen and -women who acted quickly to subdue the threat and provide first aid. They acted with courage and bravery while under fire to protect the people of Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, this is what makes our Nation great, folks who are willing to serve our Nation, like Sarah and Andrew, who are willing to don the cloth of this Nation, willing to provide that selfless sacrifice, willing to put their lives on the line each and every day for what we all believe in, that great Constitution of our United States of America.

Today, we honor and recognize their selfless service and understand what it takes in those dangerous situations to truly guard this beacon of freedom and liberty here in our great United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to join my colleagues in honoring the life and service of Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and in lifting up Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe as he continues his recovery after the shooting that wounded them both while deployed to Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Speaker, Specialist Beckstrom was only 20 years old when she died on November 27, 2025, from her injuries. She was a daughter, a student, an athlete, a caregiver, and a soldier.

In her civilian life, as we heard, she worked at a behavioral health clinic in Summersville, West Virginia, helping others heal. She initially joined the Army to help pay for college. She soon found a deeper calling in service, proudly serving as a military police officer.

At Webster County High School, she excelled both in the classroom and on the softball field, studied health science, and participated in the JROTC, learning early the values of citizenship, duty, and service in a democracy.

She dreamed of a future in law enforcement, possibly with the FBI, a dream rooted in her desire to protect others and to be a part of something greater than herself. Her life was far too short, but her example will endure.

Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, just 24 years old, also exemplifies that same quiet dedication to country. A lineman in his civilian life and a force management airman in the West Virginia Air National Guard, he serves in a role that rarely makes headlines but is essential to the readiness and effectiveness of our Armed Forces. His work ensures that our people, resources, and missions are aligned so the military can function when it matters most.

A graduate of high school in Inwood, West Virginia, Staff Sergeant Wolfe joined the Guard in 2019, stepping forward to serve, while building a life at home. I am encouraged by reports of his progress and that he is now breathing on his own and standing without assistance. I join all who are rooting for his full and speedy recovery.

Specialist Beckstrom and Staff Sergeant Wolfe represent the very best of our Nation. They are young Americans, driven by service, compassion, and a sense of duty. Their willingness to step forward and to serve their communities and their country reflects the highest ideals of military and public service.

Mr. Speaker, there is no place in a civil and democratic society for this kind of violence. I am deeply grateful to all who wear the uniform and to the families and the loved ones who stand behind them, often bearing the quiet burden and heavy sacrifices on their own.

I thank Representatives MILLER and MOORE for bringing forward H. Res. 923, and I am extremely proud to support its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 923, which honors the service and the sacrifice of two of our West Virginia National Guard members: United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe.

These two courageous National Guardsmen were tragically shot in Washington, D.C., in a targeted assault against United States servicemembers on November 26 of this year.

Specialist Beckstrom was just 20 years old. She succumbed to her injuries on Thanksgiving Day. Sarah was a recent graduate of Webster High School. Her friends remember her as a true peacekeeper. She dreamed of becoming an FBI agent and held a deep and unwavering love for her country.

Her loss is deeply felt across West Virginia and by a grateful Nation that she served with honor. I urge my colleagues to join me in praying for her friends and her family as they continue to grieve from this tragic loss.

Staff Sergeant Wolfe is 24 years old and from Martinsburg, West Virginia. He graduated from Musselman High School and enlisted in the National Guard while he was still a student in

high school. He was assigned to the Force Support Squadron, the 167th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia National Guard.

Just yesterday, Staff Sergeant Wolfe was discharged from the hospital and is now recovering at an inpatient rehabilitation facility. By the grace of God and through his steadfast grit, he has made steady improvements since last month's attack. He was recently able to sit in a chair and enjoy time with friends and family visiting him.

His mother credits his miraculous improvement to the healing hand of God. I urge my colleagues to continue to pray for Staff Sergeant Wolfe's recovery, for the medical teams assisting him, and for his friends and family as they support him through this journey of healing.

Our servicemembers represent the very best in the United States. I am honored to join my fellow West Virginia Representative, Congressman RILEY MOORE, in introducing this resolution, recognizing these two incredible individuals and memorializing their selfless service to our country.

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOORE).

Mr. MOORE of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I also rise in strong support of this resolution. I can't believe I am standing here and talking about this. I really can't. The tragic nature of this is unfathomable.

Myself and my colleague, CAROL MILLER, were at Sarah Beckstrom's funeral just recently in Grafton, West Virginia, in my district. I can't imagine being her parents, watching her parents and her sister all receive that folded flag. It is just heartbreaking. I am a father of a son and two daughters. Watching her father just grieve in that manner is just unimaginable. It really puts me at a loss for words.

Something that stuck with me about that entire service, that funeral, for Sarah is they talked about her graduation cap. When she graduated high school, she wrote on her cap from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." That is what she chose to write on her graduation cap: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Just hearing that at that funeral strengthened me. I think it strengthened a lot of us there. I think it is the reason we have seen the miraculous recovery of Andy.

Andy Wolfe, as we heard, graduated from Musselman High School. That is 20 minutes down the road from me. His father is a deputy sheriff in the county next to mine.

In West Virginia, we live in small communities. We all know each other. We are all hurting over this tremendously.

This young lady lost her life when that shouldn't have ever happened. Some Islamic radical terrorist took her life on the streets of Washington, D.C. It is just so tragic.

Out of the tragedy, I think there is some triumph in that the power of prayer has been proven in the recovery of Andy Wolfe. I know myself, my wife, and my family have been praying non-stop for his recovery, Mr. Speaker. It has worked. It has truly worked. His mom, Melody, has been begging everyone to continue to pray.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everybody on both sides of this aisle, on both sides of this building, and all across this country to continue to pray for Andy and his family.

I would point out that in the State of West Virginia, we have some of the highest service in the country as it relates to per capita service in the military. We are proud. West Virginians are proud to wear that uniform and serve their country.

God bless the Beckstrom family. God bless the Wolfe family. God bless this great Nation. May Sarah rest in peace.

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from West Virginia for his heartfelt comments, as well as Mrs. MILLER.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time. I thank Representative MILLER and Representative WITTMAN for presenting this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Representative MILLER's resolution honoring the service and sacrifice of United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe.

Mr. Speaker, on November 26, in an act of terror, Sarah Beckstrom was tragically taken from us. She served her country with honor and with dedication. Her loss is felt deeply by her family, by her friends, fellow servicemembers, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

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This resolution recognizes her service to our great Nation, and it extends our heartfelt condolences to those who mourn her passing.

We also honor Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, who courageously answered our Nation's call to serve and was critically injured in the same heinous attack. As he continues his recovery, we are praying for his healing and strength for his family and the medical professionals who are caring for him. His courage, resilience, and his commitment to duty reflect the very best of our Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor Sarah Beckstrom and Andrew Wolfe, and we recognize their service, their strength, and their sense of duty to our country.

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, as we have heard from Mr. CARTER, from Mrs. MILLER, and from Mr. MOORE, Sarah and Andrew, known at home as Andy, are really two individuals who we should all model

ourselves after—that selfless service and what they did not just at home in their communities but for what they did for the State of West Virginia and what they did for our Nation.

They are the examples of what makes this Nation great—individuals willing to put their lives on the line for something bigger than themselves, for that foundation of what we all believe in, in this Nation: what our Constitution guarantees, those freedoms and liberties that make the United States the greatest Nation the world has ever known.

Mr. Speaker, we are blessed to live in a nation that has individuals like Sarah and Andy who are willing to put their lives on the line for those principles. Our Nation was a nation founded on an idea—an idea that all are created equal and that we have those inalienable rights given to us by our creator, and folks are willing to sacrifice everything in order to preserve those basic liberties and freedoms. This is just incredible.

When we gather together today to remember the selfless sacrifices of Sarah and Andy, it should make us all come together in the sense of what makes this Nation great. It should make us all never forget how thankful we are for those who serve our Nation in uniform, and not just those who serve in the military but those who came to Sarah and Andy's call when they were injured, those first responders and those law enforcement individuals. We are blessed to have a nation of people willing to give of themselves for the greater purpose. That is, again, what makes this Nation great.

As we know, Sarah and Andy were two of those great group of people who I referred to. Unfortunately, in some sense, there are not as many people who are interested in serving today, although we have recently seen a resurgence in that, which is great—people willing to do something that is greater than just themselves. We see before us that selfless sacrifice which reminds us again of what makes this Nation great, and we must never forget those sacrifices.

For the sacrifice of Sarah and Andy, who were viciously gunned down just blocks away from the White House, we will never forget their service to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, instead of remembering them as victims of a hate crime, we must remember, again, their selfless service and sacrifice, their bravery, and their courage. That should make us all admire them as individuals and admire those who are willing to make that ultimate sacrifice.

We grieve with Sarah's friends and family. We pray that their grief begins to subside and that they can remember Sarah for the incredible legacy that she has left behind and for all the good that she has done here on Earth.

We stand with Andy and his friends and family in support of his recovery. It is great to hear from Mr. MOORE that

he is back home and back on that steady path to recovery. This is all great news.

We thank both of them for their selfless sacrifice to our Nation. We thank the citizens of West Virginia for what they do in providing that National Guard presence. We also thank our Nation that puts together these great men and women to serve a greater cause.

Mr. Speaker, again, I wish our Nation the best in the years to come. I wish all of those who selflessly serve our Nation nothing but God's continued blessings.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 923, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SAVE OUR SEAS 2.0 AMENDMENTS ACT

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 216) to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 216

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 "Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act".

SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Marine Debris Act (Public Law 109-449) is amended—

(1) by inserting before section 3 the following:

"Subtitle A—NOAA And Coast Guard Programs"; and

(2) by redesignating sections 3 through 6 as sections 101 through 104, respectively.

(b) GRANTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND OTHER AGREEMENTS.—Section 101(d) of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1952(d)), as redesignated by this Act, is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading by striking "AND CONTRACTS" and inserting "CONTRACTS, AND OTHER AGREEMENTS";

(2) in paragraph (1) by striking "and contracts" and inserting ", contracts, and other agreements";

(3) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking "part of the" and inserting "part of a"; and

(ii) by inserting "or (C)" after "subparagraph (A)"; and

(B) in subparagraph (C) in the matter preceding clause (i) by inserting "and except as provided in subparagraph (B)" after "subparagraph (A)"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(7) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—With respect to any project carried out pursuant to a contract or other agreement entered into under paragraph (1) that is not a cooperative agreement or an agreement to provide financial assistance in the form of a grant, the Under Secretary may contribute on an in-kind basis the portion of the costs of the project that the Under Secretary determines represents the amount of benefit the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration derives from the project."

SEC. 3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE MARINE DEBRIS FOUNDATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title I of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act (Public Law 116-224) is transferred to appear after section 104 of the Marine Debris Act (Public Law 109-449), as redesignated by this Act.

(b) STATUS OF FOUNDATION.—Section 111(a) of the Marine Debris Act (Public Law 109-449), as transferred by this Act, is amended, in the second sentence, by striking "organization" and inserting "corporation".

(c) PURPOSES.—Section 111(b) of the Marine Debris Act (Public Law 109-449), as transferred and redesignated by this Act, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3) by inserting "Indian Tribes," after "Tribal governments,,"; and

(2) in paragraph (4) by striking "title II" and inserting "subtitle C".

(d) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

(1) APPOINTMENT, VACANCIES, AND REMOVAL.—Section 112(b) of the Marine Debris Act (Public Law 109-449), as transferred by this Act, is amended—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (5) as paragraphs (2) through (6) respectively;

(B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redesignated, the following:

"(1) RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARD REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.—For appointments made under paragraph (2), the Board shall submit to the Under Secretary recommendations on candidates for appointment.";

(C) in paragraph (2), as redesignated, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking "and considering" and inserting "considering"; and

(ii) by inserting "and with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce," after "by the Board,,";

(D) by amending paragraph (3), as redesignated, to read as follows:

"(3) TERMS.—Any Director appointed under paragraph (2) shall be appointed for a term of 6 years.";

(E) in paragraph (4)(A), as redesignated, by inserting "with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce" after "the Board"; and

(F) in paragraph (6), as redesignated—

(i) by inserting "the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development," after "Service,,"; and

(ii) by inserting "and with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce" after "EPA Administrator".

(2) GENERAL POWERS.—Section 112(g) of the Marine Debris Act (Public Law 109-449), as transferred by this Act, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A) by striking "officers and employees" and inserting "the initial officers and employees"; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B)(i) by striking "its chief operating officer" and inserting "the chief executive officer of the Foundation".

(3) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.—Section 112 of the Marine Debris Act (Public Law 109-449), as transferred by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(h) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.—