

# Union Calendar No. 454

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5266

[Report No. 113-612]

To reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2014

Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. MURPHY of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

Additional sponsor: Mr. JOLLY

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 30, 2014]

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. COMPETITIVE AWARDS.**

4       *Section 320(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Control*  
5 *Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)) is amended by adding at the end*  
6 *the following:*

7               “(4) *COMPETITIVE AWARDS.*—

8                       “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Of the amount made*  
9 *available under subsection (i)(2)(B), the Admin-*  
10 *istrator shall make competitive awards under*  
11 *this paragraph.*

12                       “(B) *APPLICATION FOR AWARDS.*—*The Ad-*  
13 *ministrator shall solicit applications for awards*  
14 *under this paragraph from State, interstate, and*  
15 *regional water pollution control agencies and en-*  
16 *tities, State coastal zone management agencies,*  
17 *interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit pri-*  
18 *ivate agencies, institutions, organizations, and*  
19 *individuals.*

20                       “(C) *SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.*—*In select-*  
21 *ing award recipients under this paragraph, the*  
22 *Administrator shall select recipients that are best*  
23 *able to address urgent and challenging issues*  
24 *that threaten the ecological and economic well-*

1           *being of coastal areas. Such issues shall in-*  
2           *clude—*

3                   “(i) *extensive seagrass habitat losses re-*  
4                   *sulting in significant impacts on fisheries*  
5                   *and water quality;*

6                   “(ii) *recurring harmful algae blooms,*  
7                   *unusual marine mammal mortalities;*

8                   “(iii) *invasive exotic species which can*  
9                   *threaten wastewater systems and cause*  
10                  *other damage;*

11                  “(iv) *jellyfish proliferation limiting*  
12                  *community access to water during peak*  
13                  *tourism seasons;*

14                  “(v) *flooding which may be related to*  
15                  *sea level rise or wetland degradation or loss;*  
16                  *or*

17                  “(vi) *low dissolved oxygen conditions*  
18                  *in estuarine waters and related nutrient*  
19                  *management.”.*

20   **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21           *Section 320 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act*  
22   *(33 U.S.C. 1330) is amended by striking subsection (i) and*  
23   *inserting the following:*

24           “(i) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—**

1           “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is authorized to be ap-*  
2           *propriated to the Administrator \$27,000,000, for each*  
3           *of fiscal years 2014 through 2018 for—*

4                   “(A) *expenses relating to the administration*  
5                   *of grants or awards by the Administrator under*  
6                   *this section, including the award and oversight*  
7                   *of grants and awards, except that such expenses*  
8                   *shall not exceed 5 percent of the amount appro-*  
9                   *priated under this subsection; and*

10                   “(B) *making grants and awards under sub-*  
11                   *section (g).*

12           “(2) *ALLOCATIONS.*—

13                   “(A) *CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT*  
14                   *PLAN.*—*The Administrator shall provide not less*  
15                   *than 80 percent of the amounts made available*  
16                   *for this section for each fiscal year referred to in*  
17                   *paragraph (1) for the development, implementa-*  
18                   *tion, and monitoring of each conservation and*  
19                   *management plan eligible for grant assistance*  
20                   *under subsection (g)(2).*

21                   “(B) *COMPETITIVE AWARDS.*—*The Adminis-*  
22                   *trator shall provide not less than 15 percent of*  
23                   *the amounts made available for this section in*  
24                   *each fiscal year to make competitive awards de-*  
25                   *scribed in subsection (g)(4).”.*

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