

Union Calendar No. 345

104TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3249

[Report No. 104-673]

To authorize appropriations for a mining institute to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the Nation's seabed, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 1996

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JULY 12, 1996

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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

A BILL

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SEABED MINERALS.**

2 (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section
3 2(a) of Public Law 98–409 (30 U.S.C. 1222(a)) is amend-
4 ed by adding the following at the end thereof:

5 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
6 not more than \$1,200,000 for each of the fiscal years after
7 fiscal year 1996 to be made available by the Secretary to
8 an institute experienced in investigating the shallow and
9 deep seabed as a source for nonfuel minerals to be used
10 by the institute to assist in developing domestic techno-
11 logical capabilities required for the location of, and the ef-
12 ficient and environmentally sound recovery of, minerals
13 (other than oil and gas) from the nation’s shallow and
14 deep seabed.”.

15 (b) *SHORT TITLE.*—Section 11 of Public Law 98–
16 409 (30 U.S.C. 1201 note) is amended to read as follows:

17 **“SEC. 11. SHORT TITLE.**

18 This Act may be cited as the “Mining and Mineral
19 Resources Institutes Act.”.

20 **SECTION 1. SEABED MINERALS.**

21 (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section
22 2(a) of the *Mining and Mineral Resources Research Insti-*
23 *tute Act of 1984* (30 U.S.C. 1222(a)) is amended by adding
24 *the following at the end thereof:*

25 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
26 not more than \$1,800,000 for each of the fiscal years after

1 *fiscal year 1996 to be made available by the Secretary to*
2 *an institute or institutes experienced in investigating the*
3 *continental shelf regions of the United States, the deep sea-*
4 *bed and near shore environments of islands, and the Arctic*
5 *and cold water regions as a source for nonfuel minerals.*
6 *Such funds are to be used by the institute or institutes to*
7 *assist in developing domestic technological capabilities re-*
8 *quired for the location of, and the efficient and environ-*
9 *mentally sound recovery of, minerals (other than oil and*
10 *gas) from the Nation's shallow and deep seabed.”.*

11 *(b) SHORT TITLE.—Section 11 of such Act (30 U.S.C.*
12 *1201 note) is amended to read as follows:*

13 **“SEC. 11. SHORT TITLE.**

14 *“This Act may be cited as the ‘Mining and Mineral*
15 *Resources Institutes Act’.”.*

Amend the title to read as follows: “A bill to authorize appropriations for a mining institute or institutes to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the Nation’s seabed, and for other purposes.”.

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