

Union Calendar No. 497

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4104

[Report No. 106-840]

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize funding to carry out certain water quality and barrier island restoration projects for the Mississippi Sound, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2000

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

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 italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 28, 2000]

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Mississippi Sound Res-*
3 *toration Act of 2000”.*

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM.**

5 (a) *FINDING.*—Congress finds that the Mississippi
6 Sound is an estuary of national significance.

7 (b) *ADDITION TO NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM.*—
8 Section 320(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
9 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(a)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting
10 “Mississippi Sound, Mississippi;” before “and Peconic Bay,
11 New York.”.

12 **SEC. 3. MISSISSIPPI SOUND.**

13 *Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33*
14 *U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the*
15 *following:*

16 **“SEC. 121. MISSISSIPPI SOUND.**

17 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF RESTORATION PROGRAM.—*
18 *The Administrator shall establish within the Environ-*
19 *mental Protection Agency the Mississippi Sound Restora-*
20 *tion Program.*

21 *“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the program shall be*
22 *to restore the ecological health of the Sound, including bar-*
23 *rier islands, coastal wetlands, keys, and reefs, by developing*
24 *and funding restoration projects and related scientific and*
25 *public education projects and by coordinating efforts among*

1 *Federal, State, and local governmental agencies and non-*
2 *regulatory organizations.*

3 “(c) *DUTIES.—In carrying out the program, the Ad-*
4 *ministrator shall—*

5 “(1) *provide administrative and technical assist-*
6 *ance to a management conference convened for the*
7 *Sound under section 320;*

8 “(2) *assist and support the activities of the man-*
9 *agement conference, including the implementation of*
10 *recommendations of the management conference;*

11 “(3) *support environmental monitoring of the*
12 *Sound and research to provide necessary technical*
13 *and scientific information;*

14 “(4) *develop a comprehensive research plan to*
15 *address the technical needs of the program;*

16 “(5) *coordinate the grant, research, and plan-*
17 *ning programs authorized under this section; and*

18 “(6) *collect and make available to the public*
19 *publications, and other forms of information the man-*
20 *agement conference determines to be appropriate, re-*
21 *lating to the environmental quality of the Sound.*

22 “(d) *GRANTS.—The Administrator may make*
23 *grants—*

1 “(1) for restoration projects and studies rec-
2 ommended by a management conference convened for
3 the Sound under section 320; and

4 “(2) for public education projects recommended
5 by the management conference.

6 “(e) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section, the following defi-*
7 *nitions apply:*

8 “(1) *SOUND.*—*The term ‘Sound’ means the Mis-*
9 *issippi Sound located on the Gulf Coast of the State*
10 *of Mississippi.*

11 “(2) *PROGRAM.*—*The term ‘program’ means the*
12 *Mississippi Sound Restoration Program established*
13 *under subsection (a).*

14 “(f) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There is*
15 *authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry out this*
16 *section. Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.*

17 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

18 *It is the sense of the Congress that all recipients of*
19 *grants under this Act (including amendments made by this*
20 *Act) shall abide by the Buy American Act. The Adminis-*
21 *trator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall give*
22 *notice of the Buy American Act requirements to grant ap-*
23 *plicants under this Act.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize funding to carry out certain water quality and environmental res-

toration projects for the Mississippi Sound, Mississippi, and for other purposes.”.

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