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To ensure that recreational benefits are given the same priority as hurricane and storm damage reduction benefits and environmental restoration benefits.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Beach Recre-
5 ation and Economic Benefits Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GOALS TO BE ADDRESSED IN PLANNING OF WATER**
7 **RESOURCE PROJECTS.**

8 Section 904 of the Water Resources Development Act
9 of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2281) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 904. GOALS TO BE ADDRESSED IN PLANNING OF**
 2 **WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each of the goals of enhancing
 4 national economic development, the quality of the total en-
 5 vironment, the well-being of the people of the United
 6 States, the prevention of loss of life, and the preservation
 7 of cultural and historical values shall be addressed in the
 8 formulation and evaluation of water resources projects to
 9 be carried out by the Secretary.

10 “(b) DISPLAY OF ASSOCIATED BENEFITS AND
 11 COSTS.—The quantifiable and unquantifiable costs and
 12 benefits associated with the goals relating to water re-
 13 sources projects described in subsection (a) shall be dis-
 14 played in any analysis of the costs and benefits of those
 15 projects.”.

16 **SEC. 3. GIVING RECREATIONAL BENEFITS THE SAME STA-**
 17 **TUS AS OTHER BEACH RESTORATION BENE-**
 18 **FITS.**

19 Subsection (e)(2)(B) of the first section of the Act
 20 of August 13, 1946 (33 U.S.C. 426e(e)(2)(B)), is amend-
 21 ed by striking clause (ii) and inserting the following:

22 “(ii) CONSIDERATIONS; PROCE-
 23 DURES.—In making recommendations re-
 24 lating to shore protection projects under
 25 clause (i), the Secretary shall—

1 “(I) consider the economic and
2 ecological benefits of the shore protec-
3 tion projects; and

4 “(II) develop and implement pro-
5 cedures for the determination of na-
6 tional economic benefits that treat
7 benefits provided for recreation, hurri-
8 cane and storm damage reduction,
9 and environmental restoration equal-
10 ly.”.

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