

108TH CONGRESS
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S. 886

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2003

Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To ratify otherwise legal appointments and promotions in the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that failed to be submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent as required by law, and for other purposes.

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. RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN NOAA APPOINT-**
2 **MENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND ACTIONS.**

3 All action in the line of duty by, and all Federal agen-
4 cy actions in relation to (including with respect to pay,
5 benefits, and retirement) a de facto officer of the commis-
6 sioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
7 ministration who was appointed or promoted to that office
8 without Presidential action, and without the advice and
9 consent of the Senate, during such time as the officer was
10 not properly appointed in or promoted to that office, are
11 hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with
12 the law, and the President alone may, without regard to
13 any other law relating to appointments or promotions in
14 such corps, appoint or promote such a de facto officer tem-
15 porarily, without change in the grade currently occupied
16 in a de facto capacity, as an officer in such corps for a
17 period ending not later than 180 days from the date of
18 enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate July 10, 2003.

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,
Secretary.