

SUPPORTING NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

MAY 23, 2005.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 243]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the resolutions (H. Res. 243) recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the resolution be agreed to.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

The purpose of H. Res. 243 is to recognize the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 243 supports initiatives for recreational boating safety education and accident prevention to minimize the number of annual recreational boating fatalities. Recreational boating is one of the Nation's most popular pastimes, and while the number of recreational boating fatalities has declined by more than half since 1970, many lives are still lost each year. More than half of these lives could be saved with the proper use of a personal floatation device.

H. Res. 243 recognizes the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts each year during May to highlight the importance of safe recreational boating. This resolution also supports the goals of National Boating Safety Week, May 21–27, 2005. The Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council will use this week to promote boating safety and emphasize the importance of

boating safety education in efforts to prevent recreational boating accidents.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION

The resolution celebrates National Boating Safety Week and supports the initiatives taken by the Coast Guard and the recreational boating community to improve boating safety.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

H. Res. 243 was introduced by Congressman Jim Cooper on April 27, 2005. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. On May 18, 2005, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met to markup H. Res. 243. The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation was discharged from consideration of the resolution and the resolution was approved unanimously by voice vote and was ordered favorably reported to the House.

ROLL CALL VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each roll call vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. No roll call votes were ordered during consideration of H. Res. 243.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Pursuant to Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure estimates that no costs will be incurred in carrying out H. Res. 243.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure estimates that no new budget authority will be incurred in carrying out H. Res. 243.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 243 authorizes no funding.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause (3)(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, committee reports on a bill or joint resolution of a public character shall include a statement citing the specific powers granted to the Congress in the Constitution to enact the measure. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure finds that Congress has the authority to enact this measure pursu-

ant to its powers granted under article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee states that H. Res. 243 contains no federal mandates.

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H. Res. 243 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act. (Public Law 104–1).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H. Res. 243 makes no changes in existing law.

