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To reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. FARR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JUNE 9, 2008

Reported with an amendment

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Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology for a period ending not later than July 11, 2008, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(o), rule X

JULY 11, 2008

Additional sponsors: Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. INSLEE, and Mrs. CAPPS

JULY 11, 2008

Reported from the Committee on Science and Technology with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 13, 2008]

A BILL

To reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College
Program Act, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “National Sea Grant Col-*
5 *lege Program Amendments Act of 2008”.*

6 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

7 *Except as otherwise expressly provided therein, when-*
8 *ever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in*
9 *terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other*
10 *provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to*
11 *a section or other provision of the National Sea Grant Col-*
12 *lege Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.).*

13 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

14 *(a) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)) is*
15 *amended—*

16 *(1) by amending paragraph (1)(D) to read as*
17 *follows:*

1 “(D) encourage the development of prepara-
2 tion, forecast, analysis, mitigation, response, and
3 recovery systems for coastal hazards;”;

4 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking “program of re-
5 search, education,” and inserting “program of inte-
6 grated research, education, extension,”; and

7 (3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(6) *The National Ocean Research Priorities*
10 *Plan and Implementation Strategy issued by the Na-*
11 *tional Science and Technology Council’s Joint Sub-*
12 *committee on Ocean Science and Technology on Jan-*
13 *uary 26, 2007, identifies research priorities for com-*
14 *PELLING areas of interaction between society and the*
15 *ocean, and calls for the engagement of a broad array*
16 *of ocean science sectors (government, academia, indus-*
17 *try, and non-government entities) to address the areas*
18 *of greatest research need and opportunity.*

19 “(7) *The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-*
20 *ministration, through the national sea grant college*
21 *program, offers the most suitable locus and means for*
22 *such commitment and engagement through the pro-*
23 *motion of activities that will result in greater such*
24 *understanding, assessment, development, utilization,*
25 *and conservation. The most cost-effective way to pro-*

1 *mote such activities is through continued and in-*
2 *creased Federal support of the establishment, develop-*
3 *ment, and operation of programs and projects by sea*
4 *grant colleges, sea grant institutes, and other institu-*
5 *tions, including strong collaborations between Admin-*
6 *istration scientists and research and outreach per-*
7 *sonnel at academic institutions.”.*

8 (b) *PURPOSE.*—Section 202(c) (33 U.S.C. 1121(c)) is
9 *amended by striking “to promote research, education, train-*
10 *ing, and advisory service activities” and inserting “to pro-*
11 *mote integrated research, education, training, and extension*
12 *activities”.*

13 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

14 (a) *AMENDMENTS.*—Section 203 (33 U.S.C. 1122) is
15 *amended—*

16 (1) *in paragraph (11) by striking “advisory*
17 *services” and inserting “extension services”;*

18 (2) *in each of paragraphs (12) and (13) by strik-*
19 *ing “(33 U.S.C. 1126)”;* and

20 (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

21 *“(17) The term ‘regional research and informa-*
22 *tion plan’ means a plan developed by one or more sea*
23 *grant colleges or sea grant institutes that identifies*
24 *regional priorities to implement the National Ocean*

1 *Research Priorities Plan and Implementation Strat-*
2 *egy.*

3 “(18) *The term ‘National Ocean Research Prior-*
4 *ities Plan and Implementation Strategy’ means such*
5 *plan and strategy issued by the National Science and*
6 *Technology Council’s Joint Subcommittee on Ocean*
7 *Science and Technology on January 26, 2007.’”.*

8 (b) *REPEAL.*—*Section 307 of the Act entitled “An Act*
9 *to provide for the designation of the Flower Garden Banks*
10 *National Marine Sanctuary” (Public Law 102–251; 106*
11 *Stat. 66) is repealed.*

12 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM, GEN-**
13 **ERALLY.**

14 (a) *PROGRAM ELEMENTS.*—*Section 204(b) (33 U.S.C.*
15 *1123(b)) is amended—*

16 (1) *by amending in paragraph (1) to read as fol-*
17 *lows:*

18 “(1) *sea grant programs that comprise a na-*
19 *tional sea grant college program network, including*
20 *international projects conducted within such pro-*
21 *grams and regional and national projects conducted*
22 *among such programs;”;*

23 (2) *by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-*
24 *lows:*

1 “(2) administration of the national sea grant
2 college program and this title by the national sea
3 grant office and the Administration;”; and

4 (3) by amending paragraph (4) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(4) any regional or national strategic invest-
7 ments in fields relating to ocean, coastal, and Great
8 Lakes resources developed in consultation with the
9 board and with the approval of the sea grant colleges
10 and the sea grant institutes.”.

11 (b) *TECHNICAL CORRECTION*.—Section 204(c)(2) (33
12 U.S.C. 1123(c)(2)) is amended by striking “Within 6
13 months of the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant
14 College Program Reauthorization Act of 1998, the” and in-
15 serting “The”.

16 (c) *FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SEA*
17 *GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM*.—Section 204(d) (33 U.S.C.
18 1123(d)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “long-
20 range”;

21 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)—

22 (A) by striking “(A)(i) evaluate” and in-
23 serting “(A) evaluate and assess”;

24 (B) by striking “activities; and” and insert-
25 ing “activities;”; and

1 (C) by striking clause (ii); and
2 (3) in paragraph (3)(B)—
3 (A) by redesignating clauses (ii) through
4 (iv) as clauses (iii) through (v), respectively, and
5 by inserting after clause (i) the following:
6 “(ii) encourage collaborations among
7 sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes to
8 address regional and national priorities es-
9 tablished under subsection (c)(1);”; and
10 (B) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated) by
11 striking “encourage” and inserting “ensuring”.

12 **SEC. 6. PROGRAM OR PROJECT GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.**

13 (a) *EXEMPTION FROM LIMITATION ON COST SHARE.*—
14 Section 205(a) (33 U.S.C. 1124(a)) is amended in the mat-
15 ter following paragraph (2), by inserting “or that are ap-
16 propriated under section 208(b)” before the period at the
17 end.

18 (b) *SPECIAL GRANTS; MAXIMUM AMOUNT.*—Section
19 205(b) (33 U.S.C. 1124(b)) is amended by striking the mat-
20 ter following paragraph (3) and inserting the following:
21 “The total amount that may be provided for grants under
22 this subsection during any fiscal year shall not exceed an
23 amount equal to 5 percent of the total funds appropriated
24 for such year under section 212.”.

1 **SEC. 7. EXTENSION SERVICES BY SEA GRANT COLLEGES**
2 **AND SEA GRANT INSTITUTES.**

3 *Section 207(a) (33 U.S.C. 1126(a)) is amended in each*
4 *of paragraphs (2)(B) and (3)(B) by striking “advisory serv-*
5 *ices” and inserting “extension services”.*

6 **SEC. 8. TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATING TO FELLOW-**
7 **SHIPS.**

8 *Section 208(a) (33 U.S.C. 1127(a)) is amended by*
9 *striking “Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-*
10 *ment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act*
11 *Amendments of 2002, and every 2 years thereafter,” and*
12 *inserting “Every 2 years,”.*

13 **SEC. 9. NATIONAL SEA GRANT ADVISORY BOARD.**

14 *(a) REDESIGNATION OF SEA GRANT REVIEW PANEL*
15 *AS BOARD.—*

16 *(1) REDESIGNATION.—The sea grant review*
17 *panel established by section 209 of the National Sea*
18 *Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1128), as in*
19 *effect before the date of the enactment of this Act, is*
20 *redesignated as the National Sea Grant Advisory*
21 *Board.*

22 *(2) MEMBERSHIP NOT AFFECTED.—An indi-*
23 *vidual serving as a member of the sea grant review*
24 *panel immediately before the enactment of this Act*
25 *may continue to serve as a member of the National*
26 *Sea Grant Advisory Board until the expiration of*

1 *such member's term under section 209(c) of such Act*
2 *(33 U.S.C. 1128(c)).*

3 (3) *REFERENCES.*—*Any reference in a law, map,*
4 *regulation, document, paper, or other record of the*
5 *United States to such sea grant review panel is*
6 *deemed to be a reference to the National Sea Grant*
7 *Advisory Board.*

8 (4) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

9 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 209 (33 U.S.C.*
10 *1128) is amended by striking so much as pre-*
11 *cedes subsection (b) and inserting the following:*

12 **“SEC. 209. NATIONAL SEA GRANT ADVISORY BOARD.**

13 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be an independent*
14 *committee to be known as the National Sea Grant Advisory*
15 *Board.”.*

16 (B) *DEFINITION.*—*Section 203(9) (33*
17 *U.S.C. 1122(9)) is amended to read as follows:*

18 *“(9) The term ‘Board’ means the National Sea*
19 *Grant Advisory Board established under section*
20 *209.”;*

21 (C) *OTHER PROVISIONS.*—*The following*
22 *provisions are each amended by striking “panel”*
23 *each place it appears and inserting “Board”:*

24 (i) *Section 204 (33 U.S.C. 1123).*

25 (ii) *Section 207 (33 U.S.C. 1126).*

1 (iii) Section 209 (33 U.S.C. 1128).

2 (b) DUTIES.—Section 209(b) (33 U.S.C. 1128(b)) is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 “(b) DUTIES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall advise the
6 Secretary and the Director concerning—

7 “(A) strategies for utilizing the sea grant
8 college program to address the Nation’s highest
9 priorities regarding the understanding, assess-
10 ment, development, utilization, and conservation
11 of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources;

12 “(B) the designation of sea grant colleges
13 and sea grant institutes; and

14 “(C) such other matters as the Secretary re-
15 fers to the Board for review and advice.

16 “(2) BIENNIAL REPORT.—The Board shall report
17 to the Congress every two years on the state of the na-
18 tional sea grant college program. The Board shall in-
19 dicate in each such report the progress made toward
20 meeting the priorities identified in the strategic plan
21 in effect under section 204(c). The Secretary shall
22 make available to the Board such information, per-
23 sonnel, and administrative services and assistance as
24 it may reasonably require to carry out its duties
25 under this title.”.

1 (c) *EXTENSION OF TERM.*—Section 209(c)(2) (33
 2 U.S.C. 1128(c)(2)) is amended by striking the second sen-
 3 tence and inserting the following: “The Director may extend
 4 the term of office of a voting member of the Board once
 5 by up to 1 year.”.

6 (d) *ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES.*—Section
 7 204(c) (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)) is amended by adding at the
 8 end the following:

9 “(8) The Board may establish such subcommittees as
 10 are reasonably necessary to carry out its duties under sub-
 11 section (b). Such subcommittees may include individuals
 12 who are not Board members.”.

13 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 (a) *AUTHORIZATION.*—Section 212(a) (33 U.S.C.
 15 1131(a)) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(a) *AUTHORIZATION.*—There are authorized to be ap-
 17 propriated to the Secretary to carry out this title—

18 “(1) \$66,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

19 “(2) \$72,800,000 for fiscal year 2010;

20 “(3) \$79,600,000 for fiscal year 2011;

21 “(4) \$86,400,000 for fiscal year 2012;

22 “(5) \$93,200,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

23 “(6) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.”.

24 (b) *REPEAL OF DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.*—Sec-
 25 tion 212 (33 U.S.C. 1131) is amended by striking sub-

1 *section (c), and by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as*
2 *subsections (c) and (d), respectively.*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 **This Act may be cited as the “National Sea**
5 **Grant College Program Amendments Act of**
6 **2008”.**

7 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

8 **Except as otherwise expressly provided**
9 **therein, whenever in this Act an amendment**
10 **or repeal is expressed in terms of an amend-**
11 **ment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-**
12 **sion, the reference shall be considered to be**
13 **made to a section or other provision of the Na-**
14 **tional Sea Grant College Program Act (33**
15 **U.S.C. 1121 et seq.).**

16 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

17 **(a) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) (33 U.S.C.**
18 **1121(a)) is amended—**

19 **(1) by amending paragraph (1)(D) to**
20 **read as follows:**

21 **“(D) encourage the development**
22 **of preparation, forecast, analysis,**
23 **mitigation, response, and recovery**
24 **systems for coastal hazards;”;**

1 **(2) in paragraph (2) by striking “pro-**
2 **gram of research, education,” and insert-**
3 **ing “program of integrated research, edu-**
4 **cation, extension,”; and**

5 **(3) by striking paragraph (6) and in-**
6 **serting the following:**

7 **“(6) The National Ocean Research**
8 **Priorities Plan and Implementation**
9 **Strategy issued by the National Science**
10 **and Technology Council’s Joint Sub-**
11 **committee on Ocean Science and Tech-**
12 **nology on January 26, 2007, identifies re-**
13 **search priorities for compelling areas of**
14 **interaction between society and the**
15 **ocean, and calls for the engagement of a**
16 **broad array of ocean science sectors (gov-**
17 **ernment, academia, industry, and non-**
18 **government entities) to address the areas**
19 **of greatest research need and oppor-**
20 **tunity.**

21 **“(7) The National Oceanic and Atmos-**
22 **pheric Administration, through the na-**
23 **tional sea grant college program, offers**
24 **the most suitable locus and means for**
25 **such commitment and engagement**

1 through the promotion of activities that
2 will result in greater such understanding,
3 assessment, development, utilization, and
4 conservation. The most cost-effective way
5 to promote such activities is through con-
6 tinued and increased Federal support of
7 the establishment, development, and op-
8 eration of programs and projects by sea
9 grant colleges, sea grant institutes, and
10 other institutions, including strong col-
11 laborations between Administration sci-
12 entists and research and outreach per-
13 sonnel at academic institutions.”.

14 (b) PURPOSE.—Section 202(c) (33 U.S.C.
15 1121(c)) is amended by striking “to promote
16 research, education, training, and advisory
17 service activities” and inserting “to promote
18 integrated research, education, training, and
19 extension activities”.

20 SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

21 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 203 (33 U.S.C.
22 1122) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (11) by striking “ad-
24 visory services” and inserting “extension
25 services”;

1 **(2) in each of paragraphs (12) and (13)**
2 **by striking “(33 U.S.C. 1126)”;** and

3 **(3) by adding at the end the fol-**
4 **lowing:**

5 **“(17) The term ‘regional research and**
6 **information plan’ means a plan developed**
7 **by one or more sea grant colleges or sea**
8 **grant institutes that identifies regional**
9 **priorities to implement the National**
10 **Ocean Research Priorities Plan and Im-**
11 **plementation Strategy.**

12 **“(18) The term ‘National Ocean Re-**
13 **search Priorities Plan and Implementa-**
14 **tion Strategy’ means such plan and strat-**
15 **egy issued by the National Science and**
16 **Technology Council’s Joint Subcommittee**
17 **on Ocean Science and Technology on**
18 **January 26, 2007.”.**

19 **(b) REPEAL.—Section 307 of the Act enti-**
20 **tled “An Act to provide for the designation of**
21 **the Flower Garden Banks National Marine**
22 **Sanctuary” (Public Law 102–251; 106 Stat. 66)**
23 **is repealed.**

1 SEC. 5. NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM, GEN-
2 ERALLY.

3 (a) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Section 204(b)
4 (33 U.S.C. 1123(b)) is amended—

5 (1) by amending in paragraph (1) to
6 read as follows:

7 “(1) sea grant programs that comprise
8 a national sea grant college program net-
9 work, including international projects
10 conducted within such programs and re-
11 gional and national projects conducted
12 among such programs;”;

13 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to
14 read as follows:

15 “(2) administration of the national
16 sea grant college program and this title
17 by the national sea grant office and the
18 Administration;”;

19 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking
20 “and”;

21 (4) by amending paragraph (4) to
22 read as follows:

23 “(4) any regional or national strategic
24 investments in fields relating to ocean,
25 coastal, and Great Lakes resources devel-
26 oped in consultation with the board and

1 with the approval of the sea grant col-
2 leges and the sea grant institutes; and”;
3 and

4 (5) by adding at the end the following
5 new paragraph:

6 “(5) methods for the national sea
7 grant college program to explore the en-
8 vironmental and scientific consider-
9 ations, including providing scientifically
10 sound data, relative to the production of
11 ocean and coastal offshore petroleum,
12 natural gas, geothermal, wind, and ocean
13 thermal energy resources, including the
14 siting of energy related facilities in the
15 coastal zone.”.

16 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section
17 204(c)(2) (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)(2)) is amended by
18 striking “Within 6 months of the date of enact-
19 ment of the National Sea Grant College Pro-
20 gram Reauthorization Act of 1998, the” and in-
21 sserting “The”.

22 (c) FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL
23 SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.—Section 204(d)
24 (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)) is amended—

1 **(1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking**
2 **“long-range”;**

3 **(2) in paragraph (3)(A)—**

4 **(A) by striking “(A)(i) evaluate”**
5 **and inserting “(A) evaluate and as-**
6 **sess”;**

7 **(B) by striking “activities; and”**
8 **and inserting “activities;”; and**

9 **(C) by striking clause (ii); and**

10 **(3) in paragraph (3)(B)—**

11 **(A) by redesignating clauses (ii)**
12 **through (iv) as clauses (iv) through**
13 **(vi), respectively, and by inserting**
14 **after clause (i) the following:**

15 **“(ii) encourage collaborations**
16 **among sea grant colleges and sea**
17 **grant institutes to address re-**
18 **gional and national priorities es-**
19 **tablished under subsection (c)(1);**

20 **“(iii) encourage cooperation**
21 **with Minority Serving Institu-**
22 **tions—**

23 **“(I) to enhance collabo-**
24 **rative research opportunities**
25 **for faculty and students in the**

1 areas of atmospheric, oceanic,
2 and environmental sciences,
3 and remote sensing;

4 “(II) to improve opportu-
5 nities for, and retention of,
6 students and faculty from Mi-
7 nority Serving Institutions in
8 the NOAA related sciences;
9 and

10 “(III) to increase the num-
11 ber of such students grad-
12 uating in NOAA science
13 areas;” and

14 (B) in clause (iv) (as so redesign-
15 nated) by striking “encourage” and
16 inserting “ensuring”.

17 SEC. 6. PROGRAM OR PROJECT GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.

18 (a) EXEMPTION FROM LIMITATION ON COST
19 SHARE.—Section 205(a) (33 U.S.C. 1124(a)) is
20 amended in the matter following paragraph
21 (2), by inserting “or that are appropriated
22 under section 208(b)” before the period at the
23 end.

24 (b) SPECIAL GRANTS; MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—
25 Section 205(b) (33 U.S.C. 1124(b)) is amended

1 **by striking the matter following paragraph (3)**
2 **and inserting the following:**

3 **“The total amount that may be provided for**
4 **grants under this subsection during any fiscal**
5 **year shall not exceed an amount equal to 5**
6 **percent of the total funds appropriated for**
7 **such year under section 212.”.**

8 **SEC. 7. EXTENSION SERVICES BY SEA GRANT COLLEGES**
9 **AND SEA GRANT INSTITUTES.**

10 **Section 207(a) (33 U.S.C. 1126(a)) is**
11 **amended in each of paragraphs (2)(B) and**
12 **(3)(B) by striking “advisory services” and in-**
13 **serting “extension services”.**

14 **SEC. 8. TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATING TO FELLOW-**
15 **SHIPS.**

16 **Section 208(a) (33 U.S.C. 1127(a)) is**
17 **amended by striking “Not later than 1 year**
18 **after the date of the enactment of the Na-**
19 **tional Sea Grant College Program Act Amend-**
20 **ments of 2002, and every 2 years thereafter,”**
21 **and inserting “Every 2 years,”.**

22 **SEC. 9. NATIONAL SEA GRANT ADVISORY BOARD.**

23 **(a) REDESIGNATION OF SEA GRANT REVIEW**
24 **PANEL AS BOARD.—**

1 **(1) REDESIGNATION.**—The sea grant re-
2 view panel established by section 209 of
3 the National Sea Grant College Program
4 Act (33 U.S.C. 1128), as in effect before
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, is
6 redesignated as the National Sea Grant
7 Advisory Board.

8 **(2) MEMBERSHIP NOT AFFECTED.**—An in-
9 dividual serving as a member of the sea
10 grant review panel immediately before
11 the enactment of this Act may continue
12 to serve as a member of the National Sea
13 Grant Advisory Board until the expira-
14 tion of such member’s term under section
15 209(c) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1128(c)).

16 **(3) REFERENCES.**—Any reference in a
17 law, map, regulation, document, paper, or
18 other record of the United States to such
19 sea grant review panel is deemed to be a
20 reference to the National Sea Grant Advi-
21 sory Board.

22 **(4) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

23 **(A) IN GENERAL.**—Section 209 (33
24 U.S.C. 1128) is amended by striking so

1 **much as precedes subsection (b) and**
2 **inserting the following:**

3 **“SEC. 209. NATIONAL SEA GRANT ADVISORY BOARD.**

4 **“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be an**
5 **independent committee to be known as the**
6 **National Sea Grant Advisory Board.”.**

7 **(B) DEFINITION.—Section 203(9) (33**
8 **U.S.C. 1122(9)) is amended to read as**
9 **follows:**

10 **“(9) The term ‘Board’ means the Na-**
11 **tional Sea Grant Advisory Board estab-**
12 **lished under section 209.”;**

13 **(C) OTHER PROVISIONS.—The fol-**
14 **lowing provisions are each amended**
15 **by striking “panel” each place it ap-**
16 **pears and inserting “Board”:**

17 **(i) Section 204 (33 U.S.C.**
18 **1123).**

19 **(ii) Section 207 (33 U.S.C.**
20 **1126).**

21 **(iii) Section 209 (33 U.S.C.**
22 **1128).**

23 **(b) DUTIES.—Section 209(b) (33 U.S.C.**
24 **1128(b)) is amended to read as follows:**

25 **“(b) DUTIES.—**

1 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall ad-**
2 **vice the Secretary and the Director con-**
3 **cerning—**

4 **“(A) strategies for utilizing the**
5 **sea grant college program to address**
6 **the Nation’s highest priorities regard-**
7 **ing the understanding, assessment,**
8 **development, utilization, and con-**
9 **servation of ocean, coastal, and Great**
10 **Lakes resources;**

11 **“(B) the designation of sea grant**
12 **colleges and sea grant institutes; and**

13 **“(C) such other matters as the**
14 **Secretary refers to the Board for re-**
15 **view and advice.**

16 **“(2) BIENNIAL REPORT.—The Board**
17 **shall report to the Congress every two**
18 **years on the state of the national sea**
19 **grant college program. The Board shall**
20 **indicate in each such report the progress**
21 **made toward meeting the priorities iden-**
22 **tified in the strategic plan in effect under**
23 **section 204(c). The Secretary shall make**
24 **available to the Board such information,**
25 **personnel, and administrative services**

1 **and assistance as it may reasonably re-**
2 **quire to carry out its duties under this**
3 **title.”.**

4 **(c) EXTENSION OF TERM.—Section 209(c)(2)**
5 **(33 U.S.C. 1128(c)(2)) is amended by striking**
6 **the second sentence and inserting the fol-**
7 **lowing: “The Director may extend the term of**
8 **office of a voting member of the Board once**
9 **by up to 1 year.”.**

10 **(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES.—**
11 **Section 204(c) (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)) is amended**
12 **by adding at the end the following:**

13 **“(8) The Board may establish such sub-**
14 **committees as are reasonably necessary to**
15 **carry out its duties under subsection (b). Such**
16 **subcommittees may include individuals who**
17 **are not Board members.”.**

18 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 **(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 212(a) (33**
20 **U.S.C. 1131(a)) is amended to read as follows:**

21 **“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—There are author-**
22 **ized to be appropriated to the Secretary to**
23 **carry out this title—**

24 **“(1) \$66,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;**

25 **“(2) \$72,800,000 for fiscal year 2010;**

1 **“(3) \$79,600,000 for fiscal year 2011;**

2 **“(4) \$86,400,000 for fiscal year 2012;**

3 **“(5) \$93,200,000 for fiscal year 2013;**

4 **and**

5 **“(6) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.”.**

6 **(b) REPEAL OF DISTRIBUTION REQUIRE-**
7 **MENT.—Section 212 (33 U.S.C. 1131) is amend-**
8 **ed by striking subsection (c), and by redesignig-**
9 **nating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections**
10 **(c) and (d), respectively.**

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