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H. R. 335

To ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
are used for harbor maintenance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2013

Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. JONES, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. NADLER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. HARPER, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. HIMES, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. HIGGINS, and Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Realize America’s Mar-
3 itime Promise Act” or the “RAMP Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR HARBOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND GUAR-
6 ANTEE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The total budget resources
8 made available from the Harbor Maintenance Trust
9 Fund each fiscal year pursuant to section 9505(c) of
10 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to ex-
11 penditures from the Harbor Maintenance Trust
12 Fund) shall be equal to the level of receipts plus in-
13 terest credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust
14 Fund for that fiscal year. Such amounts may be
15 used only for harbor maintenance programs de-
16 scribed in section 9505(c) of such Code.

17 (2) GUARANTEE.—No funds may be appro-
18 priated for harbor maintenance programs described
19 in such section unless the amount described in para-
20 graph (1) has been provided.

21 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
22 nitions apply:

23 (1) TOTAL BUDGET RESOURCES.—The term
24 “total budget resources” means the total amount
25 made available by appropriations Acts from the Har-
26 bor Maintenance Trust Fund for a fiscal year for

1 making expenditures under section 9505(c) of the
2 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

3 (2) LEVEL OF RECEIPTS PLUS INTEREST.—The
4 term “level of receipts plus interest” means the level
5 of taxes and interest credited to the Harbor Mainte-
6 nance Trust Fund under section 9505 of the Inter-
7 nal Revenue Code of 1986 for a fiscal year as set
8 forth in the President’s budget baseline projection as
9 defined in section 257 of the Balanced Budget and
10 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Public Law
11 99–177) for that fiscal year submitted pursuant to
12 section 1105 of title 31, United States Code.

13 (c) ENFORCEMENT OF GUARANTEES.—It shall not be
14 in order in the House of Representatives or the Senate
15 to consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion,
16 or conference report that would cause total budget re-
17 sources in a fiscal year for harbor maintenance programs
18 described in subsection (b)(1) for such fiscal year to be
19 less than the amount required by subsection (a)(1) for
20 such fiscal year.

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