

(1) the term “detrimental change in the effect of wave forces” means a significant increase in wave forces or transportation of shore materials; and

(2) the term “eligible area” means an area designated as Zone VI-30, VE, or V on a National Flood Insurance Program rate map.

(b) STUDY.—

(1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Administrator shall conduct a study assessing the feasibility of granting a waiver of regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (including any legislative proposals that may be necessary to enable the Administrator to grant a waiver) to a community—

(A) to allow new construction within an eligible area located seaward of the reach of the mean high tide if the community demonstrates that the new construction—

(i) will withstand wave forces, currents, and debris impact associated with the base flood; and

(ii) will not increase the elevation of the base flood at any point within the community or cause a detrimental change in the effect of wave forces on properties in the community;

(B) to allow new construction within an eligible area located seaward of the reach of the mean high tide if the community demonstrates that the new construction will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood at any point within the community;

(C) to allow the use of fill for structural support of buildings within an eligible area if—

(i) the community demonstrates that the effect of the proposed fill will not increase the elevation of the base flood at any point within the community; and

(ii) a licensed engineer having sufficient qualifications and experience demonstrates that—

(I) the substrate on which the fill will be placed will not be eroded during the base flood predicted for the site of the buildings; and

(II) the placed fill is adequately protected from erosion during the base flood event; or

(D) to allow the use of fill for structural support of buildings within an eligible area if the community demonstrates that the effect of the proposed development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood at any point within the community.

(2) ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF FILL.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(C)(i)(II), a licensed engineer shall demonstrate adequate protection of fill by calculations that the fill—

(A) will not settle below the elevation of the base flood; and

(B) will resist forces of scour, erosion, and differential settlement.

(3) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.—The study required under paragraph (1) shall evaluate the appropriateness of limiting the waivers described in paragraph (1) to locations where—

(A) the main flooding source—

(i) is wave overtopping of the upland; and

(ii) is not surge inundation; and

(B) the breaking wave height in the base flood event is less than 10 feet.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a report that contains the results of the study under subsection (b).

(d) REVISIONS OF CERTAIN CITY ORDINANCES.—The Administrator may not require revisions to section 49.70.400(f)(6) of the Code of Ordinances of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska as a condition of continued par-

ticipation in the National Flood Insurance Program before the date that is 1 year after the date on which the Administrator submits the report under subsection (c).

SA 2481. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 7, strike line 19 and all that follows through page 8, line 11, and insert the following:

“(A) any residential property which is not the primary residence of an individual; or

“(B) any business property; and”;

On page 12, lines 1 and 2, strike “(A) through (E)” and insert “(A) and (B)”.

SA 2482. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. . FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WAIVER.

Section 1308 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4015), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j) FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WAIVER.—

“(1) WAIVER.—Notwithstanding subsection (e)(2), the Administrator shall establish a risk premium rate for a policyholder with respect to a property described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (E) of section 1307(a)(2) that is equal to the risk premium rate that would have applied to the property if the Administrator were not required to increase risk premium rates under subsection (e)(2), if the Administrator determines that an increase in the risk premium rate under subsection (e)(2) would cause undue financial hardship for the policyholder.

“(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making a determination under paragraph (1) with respect to a policyholder, the Administrator shall take into consideration the cost of living in the area where the property is located.”.

SA 2483. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 5, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

(3) CLIMATE SCIENCE.—The term “climate science”—

(A) means natural climate variability; and

(B) does not include the study of anthropogenic climate change.

On page 50, beginning on line 24, strike “and the potential” and all that follows through “warming” on page 51, line 2.

SA 2484. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other pur-

poses; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 44, strike line 8 and all that follows through page 45, line 10.

On page 50, strike line 19 and all that follows through page 51, line 2, and insert the following:

related hazards; and

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2012 at 10 a.m., to conduct a committee hearing entitled “Empowering and Protecting Servicemembers, Veterans and Their Families in the Consumer Financial Marketplace: A Status Update.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2012, at 2:15 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Prohibiting the Use of Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Tactics in Federal Elections: S. 1994.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sergio Perez, Peter Bautz, Bill McConaughay, and Sean O’Connor of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today’s session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMENDING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 434, S. Res. 473.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.