

the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1336 AIR FORCE nominations (276) beginning ADAM L. ACKERMAN, and ending KRISTEN P. ZELIGS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

IN THE ARMY—C—PN

PN1307 ARMY nomination of David W. Bryant, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 7, 2014.

PN1308 ARMY nominations (14) beginning JOSEPH B. BERGER, III, and ending WILLIAM D. SMOOT, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 7, 2014.

PN1337 ARMY nominations (29) beginning JOSEPH A. ANDERSON, and ending D011695, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1338 ARMY nominations (67) beginning VICTOR M. ANDA, and ending JOSHUA A. WORLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1339 ARMY nominations (159) beginning TRACY K. ABENOJA, and ending DANIEL J. YOURK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1340 ARMY nominations (185) beginning HARRIS A. ABBASI, and ending DAVID M. ZUPANCIC, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1360 ARMY nominations (2) beginning STEPHEN E. FORSYTH, JR., and ending ERIC J. FRYE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 16, 2014.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE- MENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by me, with the concurrence of Senator MCCONNELL, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 561; that there be 20 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of that time the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on the nomination; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

AMENDING THE HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2013

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 248.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1254) to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Nelson amendment which is at the desk be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 2741) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 2, line 25, insert “and Prevention” after 2 “Centers for Disease Control”.

The bill (S. 1254), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1254

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013.”

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO THE HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 1451 note).

SEC. 3. INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON HARM- FUL ALGAL BLOOMS AND HYPOXIA.

Section 603(a) is amended—

(1) by striking “the following representatives from” and inserting “a representative from”;

(2) in paragraph (11), by striking “and”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (12) as paragraph (13);

(4) by inserting after paragraph (11) the following:

“(12) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and”;

(5) in paragraph (13), as redesignated, by striking “such”.

SEC. 4. NATIONAL HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA PROGRAM.

The Act is amended by inserting after section 603 the following:

“SEC. 603A. NATIONAL HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA PROGRAM.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013, the Under Secretary, acting through the Task Force, shall establish and maintain a national harmful algal bloom and hypoxia program, including—

“(1) a statement of objectives, including understanding, detecting, predicting, controlling, mitigating, and responding to marine and freshwater harmful algal bloom and hypoxia events; and

“(2) the comprehensive research plan and action strategy under section 603B.

“(b) PERIODIC REVISION.—The Task Force shall periodically review and revise the Program, as necessary.

“(c) TASK FORCE FUNCTIONS.—The Task Force shall—

“(1) coordinate interagency review of the objectives and activities of the Program;

“(2) expedite the interagency review process by ensuring timely review and dispersal

of required reports and assessments under this title;

“(3) support the implementation of the Action Strategy, including the coordination and integration of the research of all Federal programs, including ocean and Great Lakes science and management programs and centers, that address the chemical, biological, and physical components of marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms and hypoxia;

“(4) support the development of institutional mechanisms and financial instruments to further the objectives and activities of the Program;

“(5) review the Program's distribution of Federal funding to address the objectives and activities of the Program;

“(6) promote the development of new technologies for predicting, monitoring, and mitigating harmful algal bloom and hypoxia conditions; and

“(7) establish such interagency working groups as it considers necessary.

“(d) LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY.—Except as provided in subsection (h), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall have primary responsibility for administering the Program.

“(e) PROGRAM DUTIES.—In administering the Program, the Under Secretary shall—

“(1) promote the Program;

“(2) prepare work and spending plans for implementing the research and activities identified under the Action Strategy;

“(3) administer merit-based, competitive grant funding—

“(A) to maintain and enhance baseline monitoring programs established by the Program;

“(B) to support the projects maintained and established by the Program; and

“(C) to address the research and management needs and priorities identified in the Action Strategy;

“(4) coordinate and work cooperatively with regional, State, tribal, and local government agencies and programs that address marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms and hypoxia;

“(5) coordinate with the Secretary of State to support international efforts on marine and freshwater harmful algal bloom and hypoxia information sharing, research, prediction, mitigation, control, and response activities;

“(6) identify additional research, development, and demonstration needs and priorities relating to monitoring, prevention, control, mitigation, and response to marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, including methods and technologies to protect the ecosystems affected by marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms and hypoxia;

“(7) integrate, coordinate, and augment existing education programs to improve public understanding and awareness of the causes, impacts, and mitigation efforts for marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms and hypoxia;

“(8) facilitate and provide resources to train State and local coastal and water resource managers in the methods and technologies for monitoring, preventing, controlling, and mitigating marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms and hypoxia;

“(9) support regional efforts to control and mitigate outbreaks through—

“(A) communication of the contents of the Action Strategy and maintenance of online data portals for other information about harmful algal blooms and hypoxia to State, tribal, and local stakeholders; and

“(B) overseeing the development, review, and periodic updating of the Action Strategy;