

Union Calendar No. 571

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 221

[Report No. 115–736]

To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

JUNE 12, 2018

Reported 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 January 3, 2017]

A BILL

To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act
of 1998, 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 “Hydrographic Services*
 5 *Improvement Amendments Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES**

7 **IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998.**

8 *(a) REAUTHORIZATIONS.—Section 306 of the Hydro-*
 9 *graphic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892d)*
 10 *is amended—*

11 *(1) by inserting before “There are authorized”*
 12 *the following: “(a) IN GENERAL.—”;*

13 *(2) in subsection (a) (as designated by para-*
 14 *graph (1))—*

15 *(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “sur-*
 16 *veys—” and all that follows through the end of*
 17 *the paragraph and inserting “surveys,*
 18 *\$70,814,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through*
 19 *2023.”;*

20 *(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “vessels—*
 21 *” and all that follows through the end of the*
 22 *paragraph and inserting “vessels, \$25,000,000*
 23 *for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”;*

24 *(C) in paragraph (3), by striking “Admin-*
 25 *istration—” and all that follows through the end*

1 *of the paragraph and inserting “Administration,*
2 *\$29,932,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through*
3 *2023.”;*

4 *(D) in paragraph (4), by striking*
5 *“title—” and all that follows through the end of*
6 *the paragraph and inserting “title, \$26,800,000*
7 *for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”; and*

8 *(E) in paragraph (5), by striking*
9 *“title—” and all that follows through the end of*
10 *the paragraph and inserting “title, \$30,564,000*
11 *for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”; and*
12 *(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-*

13 *section:*

14 *“(b) ARCTIC PROGRAMS.—Of the amount authorized*
15 *by this section for each fiscal year—*

16 *“(1) \$10,000,000 is authorized for use to acquire*
17 *hydrographic data, provide hydrographic services,*
18 *conduct coastal change analyses necessary to ensure*
19 *safe navigation, and improve the management of*
20 *coastal change in the Arctic; and*

21 *“(2) \$2,000,000 is authorized for use to acquire*
22 *hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services*
23 *in the Arctic necessary to delineate the United States*
24 *extended Continental Shelf.”.*

1 (b) *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR*
2 *SURVEYS.*—*Section 306 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 892d) is fur-*
3 *ther amended by adding at the end the following:*

4 “(c) *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR*
5 *SURVEYS.*—*Of amounts authorized by this section for each*
6 *fiscal year for hydrographic surveys, not more than 5 per-*
7 *cent is authorized for administrative costs.”.*

8 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

9 *The Comptroller General of the United States shall, by*
10 *not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this*
11 *Act—*

- 12 (1) *conduct a study comparing the unit costs of*
13 *hydrographic surveys conducted by the National Oce-*
14 *anic and Atmospheric Administration and the unit*
15 *costs of procuring performance of such surveys; and*
16 (2) *report to the Congress on the findings of such*
17 *study.*

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