

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle H of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10__ . REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL OCEANO-**
2 **GRAPHIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **ADDITIONAL PURPOSE.**—Section 8931(b)(2) of
4 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
8 paragraph (C); and

9 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
10 lowing new subparagraph (B):

11 “(B) soliciting, accepting, and executing
12 oceanographic research and education projects
13 funded by private grants, contracts, or coopera-
14 tive agreements that contribute to assuring na-
15 tional security, advancing economic develop-
16 ment, protecting quality of life, and strength-
17 ening science education and communication
18 though improved knowledge of the ocean; and”.

1 (b) NATIONAL OCEAN RESEARCH LEADERSHIP
2 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.—Subsection (b) of section 8932
3 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by striking “is” and inserting “shall be”;

5 (2) by striking paragraph (10);

6 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (11) through
7 (14) as paragraphs (12) through (15), respectively;
8 and

9 (4) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
10 lowing new paragraphs (10) and (11):

11 “(10) The Director of the Bureau of Ocean En-
12 ergy Management of the Department of the Interior.

13 “(11) The Director of the Bureau of Safety and
14 Environmental Enforcement of the Department of
15 the Interior.”.

16 (c) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—Subsection (c)
17 of section 8932 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
18 ed—

19 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “two” and in-
20 serting “five”; and

21 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “appointed
22 after the date of the enactment of the National De-
23 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020” after
24 “first chairman”.

1 (d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subsection (d) of section
2 8932 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (2)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (i) by striking “critical” and inserting
6 “important”; and

7 (ii) by striking “, such as” and all
8 that follows through “communication”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “of
10 public, academic, commercial, and private par-
11 ticipation or support” before the period;

12 (C) in subparagraph (E) by inserting “, as
13 appropriate” after “review”; and

14 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (E)
15 the following new subparagraph:

16 “(F) Preexisting facilities, such as regional
17 data centers operated by the Integrated Ocean
18 Observing System, and expertise.”; and

19 (2) by striking paragraph (3).

20 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Subsection (e) of such section
21 is amended—

22 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
23 striking “Congress” and inserting “the appropriate
24 committees of Congress”;

25 (2) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “description of activities of
2 the program carried out during the fiscal year
3 before the fiscal year in which the report is pre-
4 pared, together with a”; and

5 (B) by striking “Ocean Research Advisory
6 Panel” and inserting “Council”;

7 (3) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(2) A description of activities of the program
10 carried out during the fiscal year before the fiscal
11 year in which the report is prepared, including the
12 following—

13 “(A) an analysis of the extent to which
14 those activities advanced the purpose of the Na-
15 tional Oceanographic Partnership Program as
16 described in section 8931(b) of this title;

17 “(B) a report on the total budget require-
18 ment of each project carried out as part of the
19 project; and

20 “(C) a report on the sources of funding of
21 each completed project, including contributions
22 from Federal partners or through private
23 grants or contracts from non-federal entities
24 and a description of the efforts with non-federal
25 ocean science entities.”;

1 (4) in paragraph (3)—

2 (A) by striking “projects expected” and in-
3 serting “known projects planned”;

4 (B) by striking “year.” and inserting
5 “year, including—”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following new
7 subparagraphs:

8 “(A) a statement of objectives for each
9 such project and a description of how such
10 projects will advance the purpose of the Na-
11 tional Oceanographic Partnership Program as
12 described in section 8931(b) of this title;

13 “(B) an estimated budget for planned
14 projects; and

15 “(C) a description of any funds committed
16 to support such projects, either by Federal
17 partners or through private grants or contracts
18 with non-Federal entities.”; and

19 (5) in paragraph (5), by inserting “to execute
20 the National Oceanographic Partnership Program”
21 before the period.

22 (f) PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM OFFICE.—Subsection (f)
23 of such section is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “establish a” and inserting
2 “oversee the”; and

3 (B) by striking the second sentence;
4 (2) in paragraph (2)—

5 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
6 and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respec-
7 tively; and

8 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
9 the following new subparagraph (C):

10 “(C) To solicit, accept, and execute ocean-
11 ographic research and education projects
12 aligned with the purpose of the program and
13 funded by private contracts, grants, cooperative
14 agreements, and donations, on behalf of, and in
15 consultation with the Council in accordance
16 with subsection (g).”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

19 “(4) Any member of the Council may detail
20 government employees to the partnership program
21 office to support management of the program.”.

22 (g) GRANT AND CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—Such sec-
23 tion is further amended by striking subsection (g) and in-
24 serting the following new subsection (g):

1 “(g) GRANT AND CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—To carry
2 out the purpose of the National Oceanographic Partner-
3 ship Program, under section 8921(b) of this title, the
4 Council shall have, in addition to other powers otherwise
5 given it under this section, the following authorities:

6 “(1) The authority to authorize one or more of
7 the departments or agencies represented on the
8 Council to enter into contracts and cooperative
9 agreements and make grants, and establish and
10 manage new collaborative programs as determined
11 necessary to address emerging science priorities
12 using funds both appropriated pursuant to an au-
13 thorization or appropriations for the National
14 Oceanographic Partnership Program and donated by
15 non-Federal entities, for the purpose of imple-
16 menting the program and carrying out the respon-
17 sibilities of the Council.

18 “(2) The authority to authorize the Program
19 Office, on behalf of the Council, to accept funds,
20 subject to appropriations from other Federal depart-
21 ments and agencies, and to enter into contracts and
22 award grants.

23 “(3) The authority to authorize the Program
24 Office, on behalf of the Council, to solicit, accept
25 and execute oceanographic research projects funded

1 by private contracts, grants, and donations and to
2 secure interagency partners.”.

3 (h) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
4 FINED.—Such section is further amended by adding at the
5 end the following new subsections:

6 “(i) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In
7 this section, the term ‘appropriate committees of Con-
8 gress’ means—

9 “(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
10 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and
11 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
12 of Representatives; and

13 “(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
14 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
15 tation, and the Committee on Energy and Natural
16 Resources of the Senate.

17 “(j) TERMINATION.—The authority for the National
18 Ocean Research Leadership Council under this section
19 shall terminate on the date that is five years after the date
20 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year
21 2020.”.

22 (j) REPORT.—Not later than four months after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, or by March 1, 2020,
24 whichever comes first, the Secretary of the Navy shall sub-
25 mit to Congress a report that includes—

1 (1) the status of the appointment of each mem-
2 ber of the Council required under paragraph (b) of
3 section 8932 of title 10, United States Code, as
4 amended by this section;

5 (2) the selection of the Chairman and Vice
6 Chairman required under subsection (c) of such sec-
7 tion, as amended;

8 (3) an update on progress toward developing
9 policy guidance required under subsection (d) of
10 such section, as amended; and

11 (4) any additional activities undertaken by the
12 Council and the National Oceanographic Partnership
13 Program during the period beginning on the date of
14 the enactment of this Act and ending on the date of
15 the submittal of the report under this subsection.

