

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1834
OFFERED BY MR. LAMPSON OF TEXAS

Page 2, line 2, strike “Secretary of Commerce, through the”.

Page 2, line 4, strike “, shall” and insert “shall”.

Page 2, lines 8 through 10, strike “existing programs of the Administration, including those authorized in title II” and insert “other Federal ocean and undersea research and exploration programs. To the extent appropriate, the Administrator shall seek to facilitate coordination of data and information management systems, outreach and education programs to improve public understanding of ocean and coastal resources, and development and transfer of technologies to facilitate ocean and undersea research and exploration”.

Page 2, line 12, insert “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before “In carrying out”.

Page 3, line 8, insert “, competitive” after “a transparent”.

Page 3, line 11, insert “, taking into consideration advice of the Board established under section 104” after “under this program”.

Page 3, line 17, insert “and” at the end of paragraph (5).

Page 3, lines 18 through 21, strike paragraph (6).

Page 3, line 22, redesignate paragraph (7) as paragraph (6).

Page 4, after line 2, insert the following new subsection:

1 (b) DONATIONS.—In carrying out the program au-
2 thorized under section 102, the Administrator may accept
3 donations of property, data, and equipment to be applied
4 for the purpose of exploring the oceans or increasing
5 knowledge of the oceans.

Page 4, lines 10 and 11, strike “exploration and discovery” and insert “the fields of ocean, marine, and Great Lakes exploration, discovery, and science”.

Page 4, line 17, through page 5, line 7, amend subsection (b) to read as follows:

6 (b) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—Section
7 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.

1 App.) shall not apply to the Board appointed under sub-
2 section (a).

Page 5, line 8, through page 6, line 15, strike section 105.

Page 6, lines 16 and 22, redesignate sections 106 and 107 as sections 105 and 106, respectively.

Page 6, line 18, strike “this title or title II” and insert “this Act”.

Page 7, line 6, insert “and” at the end of paragraph (6).

Page 7, line 7, strike the semicolon and insert a period.

Page 7, lines 8 through 10, strike paragraphs (8) through (10).

Page 7, line 19, insert “, exploration, education, and technology development” after “undersea research”.

Page 7, line 25, through page 8, line 7, strike “large lake resources” and all that follows through “marine industry” and insert “Great Lakes resources. The Director, in carrying out the program authorized in section 202, shall cooperate with institutions of higher education and other educational marine and ocean science organiza-

tions, and shall make available undersea research facilities, equipment, technologies, information, and expertise to support undersea research efforts by these organizations. The Director may also enter into partnerships, using existing authorities, with the private sector to achieve the goals of the program and to promote technological advancement of the marine industry”.

Page 8, line 18, insert “Program direction shall be published not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.” after “Science and Technology.”.

Page 9, lines 11 and 12, strike “such as LEO-15, Pisces, and the Aquarius habitat”.

Page 9, line 23, through page 10, line 7, amend section 206 to read as follows:

1 SEC. 206. COMPETITION.

2 (a) DISCRETIONARY FUND.—The program shall allo-
3 cate no more than 10 percent of its annual budget to a
4 discretionary fund that may be used only for program ad-
5 ministration and priority undersea research projects iden-
6 tified by the Director but not covered by funding available
7 from centers.

8 (b) COMPETITIVE SELECTION.—The Administrator
9 shall conduct a competition to select the regional centers
10 that will participate in the program five years after the

1 date of enactment of this Act and every five years there-
2 after. Funding for projects conducted through the regional
3 centers shall be awarded through a competitive, merit-re-
4 viewed process on the basis of their relevance to the goals
5 of the program and their technical feasibility.

Page 10, line 17, insert “and” at the end of paragraph (6).

Page 10, line 18, strike the semicolon and insert a period.

Page 10, lines 19 through 21, strike paragraphs (8) through (10).

Page 11, line 1, insert “**PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION**” after “**FINANCING**”.

Page 11, line 4, insert “Administrator of the” before “National Oceanic”.

Page 11, line 12, strike “the program” and insert “this Act”.

Page 11, after line 16, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 302. OCEAN EXPLORATION AND UNDERSEA RE-**
2 **SEARCH TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUC-**
3 **TURE TASK FORCE.**

4 The Administrator of the National Oceanic and At-
5 mospheric Administration, in coordination with the Na-
6 tional Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and
7 Space Administration, the United States Geological Sur-
8 vey, the Department of the Navy, the Mineral Manage-
9 ment Service, and relevant governmental, non-govern-
10 mental, academic, industry, and other experts, shall con-
11 vene an ocean exploration and undersea research tech-
12 nology and infrastructure task force to develop and imple-
13 ment a strategy—

14 (1) to facilitate transfer of new exploration and
15 undersea research technology to the programs au-
16 thorized under titles I and II of this Act;

17 (2) to improve availability of communications
18 infrastructure, including satellite capabilities, to
19 such programs;

20 (3) to develop an integrated, workable, and
21 comprehensive data management information proc-
22 essing system that will make information on unique
23 and significant features obtained by such programs
24 available for research and management purposes;

25 (4) to conduct public outreach activities that
26 improve the public understanding of ocean science,

1 resources, and processes, in conjunction with rel-
2 evant programs of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
3 pheric Administration, the National Science Founda-
4 tion, and other agencies; and

5 (5) to encourage cost-sharing partnerships with
6 governmental and nongovernmental entities that will
7 assist in transferring exploration and undersea re-
8 search technology and technical expertise to the pro-
9 grams.