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APPROPRIATIONS/STIMULUS

H.R.3619 (Oberstar, D-MN) – 9/22/09. Short titles for portions of the bill: Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, Coast Guard Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, Coast Guard Modernization Act of 2009, Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2009, Great Lakes Icebreaker Replacement Act, Maritime Safety Act of 2009, Maritime Workforce Development Act, United States Mariner and Vessel Protection Act of 2009. To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes. Transportation and Infrastructure. **Discharged 9/24/09 by Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. Reported 10/16/09, H. Rpt. 111-303. Placed on Union Calendar. Passed House 10/23/09.**

H. R. 3183 (Pastor, D-AZ) – 7/13/09. Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. **Passed/agreed to in House, 7/17/2009. H. Rpt. 111-203. Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar, 7/20/09. Passed Senate 7/29/09. Going to Conference 7/29. House appointed conferees 9/25/09. Conference report filed 9/30/09, H. Rpt. 111-278. Agreed to in the House, 10/1/09. Agreed to in Senate 10/15/09. Presented to President 10/21/09. Became Public Law 111-085, 10/28/09.**

S. 1436 (Dorgan, D-ND) – 7/9/09. Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. **Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders 7/9/09. S. Rpt. 111 39.**

Reported 7/7, S. Rpt. 111-39 and placed on Legislative Calendar. Companion to H. R. 2997.

H. R. 2996 (Dicks, D-WA) – 6/23/09. Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. **Passed/agreed to in House, 6/26/09. H. Rpt. 111-180. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar, 7/7/09. Passed Senate 9/24/09, going to conference. Conference report agreed to in House and Senate 10/29/09. Cleared for President.**

H. R. 2847 (Mollohan, D-WV) – 6/12/09. Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. **Reported 6/12, H. Rpt. 111-149. Passed House 6/18. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar, 6/25/09. Passed Senate 11/5/09, which asks for a conference on differences with House.**

H. R. 2346 (Obey, D-WI) – 5/12/09. Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009. Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes. H. Rpt. 111-09. **Passed House 5/14/09, placed on Senate Legislative Calendar. Passed Senate 5/21. In Conference. Agreed to by House 6/16, Senate 6/18. Cleared for President's signature. Signed by President, 6/24/09 – Public Law 111-032.**

H. R. 1105 (Obey, D-WI) - Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. Making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes. **Passed House 2/25/09. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar. Second cloture motion on the bill presented in Senate, 3/6/09. Passed Senate 3/10/09, signed by President by 3/11/09, became Public Law 111-8.**

H. R. 1 (Obey, D-WI) – 1/26/09. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes. **Passed House 1/28, received in Senate 1/29. Passed Senate 2/10. Conference report, H. Rept, 111-16 filed 2/12. Report agreed to House and Senate 2/13. Awaiting President’s signature.**

BUDGET

S. CON. RES. 13 (Conrad, D-ND) – 3/27/09. (no short title) An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014. **Passed/agreed to in Senate, 4/2/09. Passed House 4/22. In conference. Report filed, H. Rpt. 111-89, 4/27/09. Report agreed to in House and Senate, 4/29/09.**

CHESAPEAKE BAY

H.R.4187 (Sarbanes, D-MD) 12/2/09. To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to make modifications to the Chesapeake Bay environmental restoration and protection program. Transportation and Infrastructure.

H. R. 3852 (Cummings, D-MD) – 10/20/09. Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act of 2009. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve and reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program. Transportation and Infrastructure. **Companion to S. 1816.**

S. 1816 (Cardin, D-MD) – 10/20/09. Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act of 2009. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve and reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program. Environment and Public Works. **Companion to H. R. 3852.**

H. R. 3265 (Connolly, D-VA) – 7/20/09. Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act of 2009. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reduce pollution resulting from impervious surfaces within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes. Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 479 Cardin, D-MD) – 2/25/09. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network. Environment and Public Works. **Companion to H. R. 965. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably, 6/18/09.**

H. R. 965 (Sarbanes, D-MD) – 2/10/09. (no short title) To amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network. Natural Resources. **Passed House 9/10/09. In Senate.**

CLIMATE

S.1933 (Bingaman, D-NM) – 10/27/09. Natural Resources Climate Adaptation Act. A bill to establish an integrated Federal program that protects, restores, and conserves natural resources by responding to the threats

and effects of climate change, and for other purposes. Environment and Public Works.

S.1539 (Rockefeller, D-WV) – 7/29/09. Greenhouse Gas Observation and Analysis System Act. A bill to authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a comprehensive greenhouse gas observation and analysis system, and for other purposes. Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R.2685 (Bordallo, D-GU) – 6/3/09. Climate and Ocean Research and Coordination Act of 2009 and National Climate Enterprise Act of 2009. To establish a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and a National Climate Enterprise, and for other purposes. Science and Technology and Natural Resources,

H. R. 2407 (Gordon, D-TN) – 5/14/09. National Climate Service Act of 2009. To establish a National Climate Service at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Science and Technology. **Ordered reported 6/3/09.**

H. R. 2306 (Dicks, D-WA) – 5/7/09. (no short title) To provide for the establishment of a National Climate service. Science and Technology.

COAST GUARD

S.1194 (Cantwell, D-WA) – 6/4/09. Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. A bill to reauthorize the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, and for other purposes. Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably 7/8/09.**

COASTAL/OCEANS

S.2852 (Begich, D-AK) – 12/9/09. A bill to establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research, prediction, and environmental information program to support renewable energy. Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **H.R.2548 (Pingree, D-ME) – 6/21/09.** (no short title) To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require establishment of a Working Waterfront Grant Program, and for other purposes. Natural Resources.

S. 878 (Lautenberg, D-NJ) – 4/23/09. (no short title) A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes. Environment and Public Works. **Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably, 6/18/09.**

H.R.2093 (Pallone, D-NJ) – 4/23/09. Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act of 2009. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes. Transportation and Infrastructure. **Reported 7/20/09, H. Rpt. 111-214 and placed on Union Calendar. Passed House 7/29/09. Received in Senate 7/30.**

S.858 (Boxer, D-CA) – 4/22/09. (no short title) A bill to protect the oceans and Great Lakes, and for other purposes. Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H. R. 1905 (Capps, D-CA) – 4/2/09. (no short title) To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation planning and response program, and for other purposes. Natural Resources.

S. 810 (Whitehouse, D-RI) - 4/2/09. (no short title) A bill to establish 4 regional institutes as centers of excellence for research, planning, and related efforts to assess and prepare for the impacts of climate change on ocean and coastal areas and for other purposes. Science, and Transportation.

S. 533 (Collins, R-ME) -3/5/09. (no short title) A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a grant program to ensure waterfront access for commercial fisherman, and for other purposes. Finance.

H. R. 21 (Farr, D-CA) – 1/6/09. Ocean Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act. To establish a national policy for our oceans, to strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a national and regional ocean governance structure, and for other purposes. Natural Resources and Science and Technology.

H. R. 14 (Baird, D-WA) – 1/6/09. Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009. To provide for ocean acidification research and monitoring, and for other purposes. Science and Technology.

H. R. 368 (Capps, D-CA) – 1/9/09. Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Act. To authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities, and for other purposes. Natural Resources.

H. R. 367 (Capps, D-CA) – 1/9/09 Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009. To establish a national integrated system of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observing systems, and for other purposes. Natural Resources and Science and Technology.

H. R. 365 (Bordallo, D-GU). Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act. To direct the President to establish a program to develop a coordinated and comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the continental shelf of the United States, and for other purposes. Natural Resources and Science and Technology.

S. 171 (Snowe, R-ME) – 1/8/09. Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009. A bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunamis, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, and for other purposes. Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 174 Inouye, D-HI) – 1/8/09. Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act. A bill to establish a coordinated and comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping program. Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ENERGY

S. 1333 (Barrasso, R-WY) – 6/24/09. (no short title) A bill to provide clean, affordable, and reliable energy, and for other purposes. Finance.

FLOODING

H.R.4164 (Herger, R-CA) – 12/1/09. (no short title) To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for a phased-in increase of chargeable premium rates for properties affected by updated Flood

Insurance Rate Maps. Financial Services.

H. R. 3139 (Waters, D-CA) – 7/9/09. (no short title) To extend the authorization of the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes. Financial Services. **Passed House 7/29/09. Received in the Senate 7/29.** Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H. R. 1525 (Matsui, D-CA) – 3/16/09. (no short title) To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to consider reconstruction and improvement of flood protection systems when establishing flood insurance rates. Financial Services.

H. R. 1524 (Matsui, D-CA) – 3/16/09. Public Safety Enhancement Act of 2009. To allow flood insurance coverage under the national flood insurance program for new structures designed to protect public safety that are located in special flood hazard zones. Financial Services.

H. R. 1316 (Sensenbrenner, R-WI) – 3/4/09. Flood Elevation Notification Act of 2009. To provide for appropriate notification of communities and homeowners of establishment of flood elevations for purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program. Financial Services.

H. R. 1264 (Taylor, D-MS) – 3/3/09. Multiple Peril Insurance Act of 2009. To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the national flood insurance program to make available multi peril coverage for damage resulting from windstorms or floods, and for other purposes. Financial Services.

H. R. 777 (Pallone, D-NJ) – 1/28/09. (No short title) To prohibit the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency from updating flood maps until the Administrator submits to Congress a community outreach plan, and for other purposes. Financial Services and Ways and Means.

GLOBAL WARMING/ENERGY

S. 1733 (Kerry, D-MA) – 9/30/09. Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act. A bill to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy. Companion to H. R. 2998. Environment and Public Works. **Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably, 11/5/09.**

H. R. 2998 (Waxman, D-CA) – 6/23/09. American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, National Climate Service Act of 2009. To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy. Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Education and Labor, Science and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Oversight and Government Reform, and Judiciary.

H. R. 2454 (Waxman, D-CA) – 5/15/09. American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 and Safe Climate Act. To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy. Energy and Commerce. **Reported 6/5, H. Rpt. 111-137. Placed on Union Calendar, 6/19/09. Passed House 6/26/09.**

HYPOXIA/ALGAL BLOOMS

****H.R.3650 (Baird, D-WA) – 9/25/09. Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009.** To establish a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program, to develop and coordinate a comprehensive and integrated strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, and to provide

for the development and implementation of comprehensive regional action plans to reduce harmful algal blooms and hypoxia. Science and Technology and Natural Resources. **Ordered reported by Science and Technology 10/7/09. Reported 1/13/10, H. Rpt. 111-396. Discharged by Natural Resources. Placed on Union Calendar 1/13/10.**

S.952 (Snowe, R-ME) – 5/1/09. (No short title) A bill to develop and promote a comprehensive plan for a national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate coastal and Great Lakes harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events. Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Ordered reported 8/5/09.**

MAPPING

H. R.2489 (Herseth-Sandlin, D-SD) – 5/19. **AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act.** To authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs. Companion to **S. 1078.** Natural Resources.

S.1078 (Johnson, D-SD) – 5/19/09. **AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act.** A bill to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs. Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Companion to **H. R. 2489.**

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

S. 349 (Casey, D-PA) – 1/29/09. (No short title) A bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes. Energy and Natural Resources.

NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

H. R. 3113 (Rahall, D-WV) – 7/9/09. **Upper Elk River Wild and Scenic Study Act.** To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

NATURAL RESOURCES

H.R.2192 (Grijalva, D-AZ) – 4/30/09. **Climate Change Safeguards for Natural Resources Conservation Act.** To establish an integrated Federal program to protect, restore, and conserve the Nation's natural resources in response to the threats of climate change and ocean acidification. Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Science and Technology.

NUTRIA CONTROL

H.R.3850 (Kratovil, D-MD) – 10/20/09. **Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2009.** To provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States. Natural Resources.

S.1519 (Cardin, D-MD) – 7/27/09. Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2009. A bill to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States. Environment and Public Works. **Ordered reported 12/10/09.**

STATE REVOLVING FUNDS

H. R. 1262 (Oberstar, D-MN) – 3/3/09. Water Quality Investment Act of 2009. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes. Transportation and Infrastructure. **Passed House 3/12/09.**

WATER/ENERGY

H.R.3598 (Gordon, D-TN) – 9/17/2009. Energy and Water Research Integration Act. To ensure consideration of water intensity in the Department of Energy's energy research, development, and demonstration programs to help guarantee efficient, reliable, and sustainable delivery of energy and water resources. Science and Technology. Passed house 12/1 (Rpt. 111344). In Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H. R. 469 (Hall, R-TX) – 2/12/09. Produced Water Utilization Act of 2009. To encourage research, development, and demonstration of technologies to facilitate the utilization of water produced in connection with the development of domestic energy resources, and for other purposes. Energy and Natural Resources.

WATER PROTECTION AND REINVESTMENT

H.R.3202 (Blumenauer, D-OR) – 7/17/09. Water Protection and Reinvestment Act of 2009. To establish a Water Protection and Reinvestment Fund to support investments in clean water and drinking water infrastructure, and for other purposes. Energy and Environment.

WATER RESOURCES

H.R.4245 (Sestak, D-PA) – 12/8/09. Comprehensive Water Resource Development Act. To authorize the Secretary of the Army to provide assistance relating to water resource protection and development in Pennsylvania, and for other purposes. Transportation and Infrastructure. **H.R.4165 (Larsen, D-WA) – 12/1/09.** (no short title) To extend through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits. Transportation and Infrastructure. **Passed House 21/8/09, Senate, 12/10/09. Cleared for White House.**

H. R. 4162 (Olson, R-TX) – 12/1/09. (no short title) To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the evaluation of permits under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army. Transportation and Infrastructure.

H. R. 2030 Blumenauer, D-OR) – 4/22/09. Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2009. To provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis by 2015 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005. Foreign Affairs. Companion to **S. 624.**

S. 787 (Feingold, D-WI) – 4/2/09. (no short title) A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States. Environment and Public Works.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably, 6/18/09.

S. 624 (Durbin, D-IL) – 3/17/09. Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2009. A bill to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis by 2015 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005. Foreign Relations.

S. 531 (Bingaman, D-MN) – 3/5/09. (no short title) A bill to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, and for other purposes. Energy and Natural Resources.

H. R. 1145 (Gordon, D-TN) – 2/24/09. National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009. To implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, and for other purposes. Science and Technology. **Ordered reported 3/26/09. Reported 4/21/09**

(H. Rpt. 111-76). Passed House 4/23/09. In Senate. Environment and Public Works.

H. R. 700 (McNerney, D-CA) – 1/27/09. Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2009. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects. Transportation and Infrastructure.

H. R. 135 (Linder, R-GA) – 1/6/09. Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2009. To establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs. Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure.