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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 “Ballast Water Manage-
5 ment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION.**

2 (a) Subsection 1102(a) of Public Law 101-646 (16
3 U.S.C. 4712(a)) is amended by adding the following new
4 paragraph at the end:

5 “(4) NATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT
6 EVALUATION.—

7 “(A) Subject to the availability of appro-
8 priations, the Task Force shall contract with
9 the Marine Board of the National Research
10 Council to identify and evaluate ballast water
11 management technologies and practices that
12 prevent the introduction and spread of
13 nonindigenous species through ballast water
14 discharged into United States waters.

15 “(B) In conducting the evaluation, the Ma-
16 rine Board shall consider, at a minimum, bal-
17 last water management technologies and prac-
18 tices identified in the study prepared under
19 paragraph (3).

20 “(C) In conducting the evaluation, the Ma-
21 rine Board shall identify, at a minimum, ballast
22 water management technologies and practices
23 that—

24 “(i) may be retrofitted on existing
25 vessels or incorporated in new vessel de-
26 signs;

1 “(ii) are operationally practical;
2 “(iii) are safe for vessel and crew;
3 “(iv) are environmentally sound;
4 “(v) are cost effective;
5 “(vi) the vessel operator can monitor;
6 and
7 “(vii) are effective against a broad
8 range of nuisance organisms.”.

9 (b) Subsection 1102(c) of Public Law 101–646 (16
10 U.S.C. 4712(c)) is amended by adding the following new
11 paragraph at the end:

12 “(3) NATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT
13 EVALUATION REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
14 the date of enactment of the Ballast Water Manage-
15 ment Act, the Task Force shall submit to the appro-
16 priate Committees a report on the results of the
17 evaluation conducted under paragraph (4) of sub-
18 section (a).”.

19 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT DEM-**
20 **ONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

21 (a) Section 1202 of Public Law 101–646 (16 U.S.C.
22 4722) is amended by—

23 (1) redesignating subsection (k) as subsection
24 (l); and

25 (2) inserting after subsection (j) the following:

1 “(k) NATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT
2 DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—

3 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Following the submis-
4 sion of the evaluation authorized under section
5 1102(a)(4) and subject to the availability of appro-
6 priations under section 1301(e), the Administrator
7 of the Maritime Administration, in consultation with
8 the Task Force, shall conduct a national ballast
9 water management demonstration program to test
10 and evaluate ballast water management technologies
11 and practices, including those identified in the eval-
12 uation authorized under paragraph 1102(a)(4), to
13 prevent the introduction and spread of
14 nonindigenous species through ballast water dis-
15 charged into United States waters.

16 “(2) CRITERIA.—In carrying out the dem-
17 onstration program authorized under this sub-
18 section, the Administrator of the Maritime Adminis-
19 tration shall use vessels that are documented under
20 chapter 121 of title 46, United States Code, includ-
21 ing vessels operating on the Great Lakes. Any nec-
22 essary ballast water management technology instal-
23 lation or construction on a vessel used in the dem-
24 onstration program shall be performed by a United
25 States shipyard or ship repair facility.

1 “(3) AUTHORITIES.—In conducting the dem-
2 onstration program under this subsection, the Task
3 Force and the Administrator of the Maritime Ad-
4 ministration may accept donations of property and
5 services.”.

6 (b) Subsection 1202(l), as redesignated by this Act,
7 is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the
8 end:

9 “(3) Not later than 1 year after the submission
10 of the evaluation authorized under section
11 1102(a)(4) and periodically as necessary to report
12 new findings, the Administrator of the Maritime Ad-
13 ministration, in consultation with the Task Force,
14 shall submit to the appropriate Committees a report
15 on the results of the demonstration program con-
16 ducted under subsection (k).”.

17 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 Section 1301 of Public Law 101-646 (16 U.S.C.
19 4741) is amended by adding the following new subsection
20 at the end:

21 “(e) NATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT
22 EVALUATION AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated to the Director and the
24 Under Secretary \$150,000 for fiscal year 1995 and to the
25 Administrator of the Maritime Administration \$1,850,000

1 for fiscal year 1996, to remain available until expended,
2 to carry out the evaluation authorized under section
3 1102(a)(4) and the demonstration program authorized
4 under section 1202(k).”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 21,
1994.

Attest:

Clerk.