

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2025, in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building, pursuant to notice, in an open session, with a quorum present, and considered the following items:

- Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 4275, the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025*;
- General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and
- Other matters cleared for consideration.

The Committee took the following actions:

H.R. 4275, the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025*. The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4275 on July 15, 2025. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House, as amended, by a recorded vote of 60 Yeas and 0 Nays (RC#61).

The vote was as follows:

Vote: 61	Measure: H.R. 4275			
On:	Final passag	ge: H.R. 4275, as amended		
Yea	60	Nay	0	
Present	0	Not Voting	6	
Member	Vote	Member	Vote	
Mr. Graves of MO	Y	Mr. Larsen of WA	Y	
Mr. Crawford	Y	Ms. Norton	Y	
Mr. Webster of FL	Y	Mr. Nadler	Y	

Mr. Massie		Mr. Garamendi	Y
Mr. Perry		Mr. Johnson of GA	Y
Mr. Babin	Y	Mr. Carson	Y
Mr. Rouzer	Y	Ms. Titus	Y
Mr. Bost	Y	Mr. Huffman	Y
Mr. LaMalfa	Y	Ms. Brownley	Y
Mr. Westerman	Y	Ms. Wilson of FL	
Mr. Mast	Y	Mr. DeSaulnier	Y
Mr. Stauber	Y	Mr. Carbajal	Y
Mr. Burchett	Y	Mr. Stanton	Y
Mr. Johnson of SD	Y	Ms. Davids of KS	Y
Mr. Van Drew	Y	Mr. García of IL	Y
Mr. Nehls	Y	Mr. Pappas	Y
Mr. Mann	Y	Mr. Moulton	Y
Mr. Owens	Y	Ms. Strickland	Y
Mr. Burlison		Mr. Ryan	Y
Mr. Collins		Ms. Hoyle of OR	Y
Mr. Ezell	Y	Mrs. Sykes	Y
Mr. Kiley	Y	Ms. Scholten	Y
Mr. Fong	Y	Mrs. Foushee	Y
Mr. Wied	Y	Mr. Deluzio	Y
Mr. Barrett	Y	Mr. Garcia of CA	Y
Mr. Begich	Y	Ms. Pou	Y
Mr. Bresnahan	Y	Ms. McDonald Rivet	Y
Mr. Hurd	Y	Ms. Friedman	Y
Mr. Shreve	Y	Ms. Gillen	Y
Mr. McDowell	Y	Mr. Figures	Y
Mr. Taylor	Y		
Mr. Knott			
Ms. King-Hinds	Y		
Mr. Kennedy	Y		
Mr. Onder	Y	Ĭ	
Mr. Patronis	Y		

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Chairman Graves of Missouri; was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

A Manager's Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Chairman Graves of Missouri: Redesignate the second titles I and II and titles III through V as titles III through VII, respectively. Page 9, before line 1, insert the following (and designate the subsequent subparagraphs accordingly): "(A) \$1,147,244,000 for fiscal year 2025;". SEC. 118. ANNUAL PLAN FOR COAST GUARD OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC. (a) IN GENERAL.-Chapter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: "§ 5116. Annual plan for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, in consultation with the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a plan for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific region for the year after the year during which the plan is submitted. Such plan shall include, for the year covered by the plan, each of the following elements: (1) A list of objectives for Coast Guard engagement in the Pacific region in support of Department of State and Department of Defense missions. (2) An assessment of the capabilities of the Coast Guard to support Department of State and Department of Defense missions in the Pacific region. (3) A list of any areas in the Pacific region where an increased Coast Guard presence would better support Department of State and Department of Defense missions. (4) The projected demand for Coast Guard engagement in the Pacific region from the Department of State and the Department of Defense for the year covered by the plan and the subsequent 10 years. (5) An assessment of whether the Coast Guard will be able to meet such projected demand for the year covered by the plan, including—(A) a list of any factors limiting the ability of the Coast Guard to meet such projected demand; and (B) an analysis of the location from which any Coast Guard assets used to carry out missions in the Pacific, in addition to assets available in the year prior to the year in which the plan is submitted, will be transferred and any associated gaps in Coast Guard mission coverage any such transfers will create. (6) A summary of the resources needed for the Coast Guard to meet such projected demand for the year covered by the plan, including-(A) staff; (B) infrastructure, including shore infrastructure; (C) administrative and logistical support; and (D) technology. (7) Any other matter as determined relevant by the Commandant. (b) FORM.-Each plan under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex. (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the annual plan required under subsection (a) submitted during the preceding year. (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'appropriate congressional committees' means— (1) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; (3) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives; (4) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; (5) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and (6) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate. "§ 5117. Annual budget display for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific (a) IN GENERAL.--Not later than February 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed budget display for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific region for the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which the budget display is submitted. The Commandant shall base such budget display on the projected demand for Coast Guard engagement in the Pacific region as identified in the most recent annual plan developed under section 5116 of this title. Such budget display shall include, for the year covered by the budget display, the following information: (1) With respect to procurement accounts, amounts displayed by account, budget activity, line number, line item, and line item title. (2) With respect to research, development, test, and evaluation accounts, amounts displayed by account, budget activity, line number, program element, and program element title. (3) With respect to operation and maintenance accounts, amounts displayed by account title, budget activity title, line number, and subactivity group title. (4) With respect to military personnel accounts, amounts displayed by account, budget activity, budget subactivity, and budget subactivity title. (b) FORM.-Each display under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex. (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.-Not later than February 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the budget display required by subsection (a) for the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which the briefing is provided. (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'appropriate congressional committees' has the meaning given such term in section 5116.". (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.-The analysis for chapter

51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: "5116. Annual plan for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific, 5117. Annual budget display for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific.". Page 94, line 12, strike "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$4,000,000". Page 117, after line 15, insert the following: SEC. 236. ENTITY OTHER THAN THE COAST GUARD. Notwithstanding section 1105(a) of title 14. United States Code, the Commandant may provide for an entity other than the Coast Guard to contract for the acquisition, procurement, or construction of-(1) the Arctic Security Cutters for which funds were appropriated under section 40001 of Public Law 119-21; and (2) all other vessels for which funds were appropriated under section 40001 of Public Law 119-21. Page 200, after line 25, insert the following: SEC. 283. REPORT ON EAST ROCKAWAY INLET NAVIGATION. (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report of the navigable waterway of the East Rockaway Inlet located on Long Island, New York. (b) CONTENTS.-The report under subsection (a) shall include—(1) an evaluation of potential hazards to navigation present in the East Rockaway Inlet; (2) a map of current and future aids to navigation in the East Rockaway Inlet; (3) an evaluation of the effects of the current channel hazards on commercial navigation and safety; (4) recommendations on addressing hazards to navigation present in the East Rockaway Inlet; and (5) recommendations on updates to the necessary to aids navigation in order to maintain safety. Page 235, beginning on line 19, strike "amended" and all that follows through "striking" on line 22, and insert "amended by striking". Page 236, line 4, strike "180" and insert "90". Page 245, line 4, strike the closing quotation marks and the second period. Page 245, after line 4, insert the following: "(J) National labor unions representing longshore workers.". Strike page 277, line 3 through page 310, line 19. After section 350 insert the following: SEC. 351. BRIEFING ON DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE CRAFT – HEAVY WEATHER SECOND GENERATION (SPC-HWX II) VESSELS IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST. Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a briefing on—(1) the status of the acquisition and procurement of second-generation Special Purpose Craft - Heavy Weather (SPC-HWX II) vessels; (2) the timeline for the deployment of such vessels to stations in the Pacific Northwest previously served by the first-generation Special Purpose Craft - Heavy Weather vessels; and (3) any outstanding barriers to the timeliness of such deployment.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Ms. Scholten of Michigan (Scholten 034): After section 253 insert the following: SEC. 254. COAST GUARD PAY; CONTINUATION. (a) IN GENERAL.-Chapter 27 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: "§ 2780. Pay; continuation during lapse in appropriations "(a) IN GENERAL.-In the case of any period in which there is a Coast Guard-specific funding lapse, there are appropriated such sums as may be necessary- "(1) to provide pay and allowances to military members of the Coast Guard, including the reserve component thereof, who perform active service or inactive-duty training during such period; "(2) to provide pay and benefits to qualified civilian employees of the Coast Guard; "(3) to provide pay and benefits to qualified contract employees of the Coast Guard; and "(4) to provide for-"(A) the payment of a death gratuity under sections 1475 through 1477 and 1489 of title 10, with respect to members of the Coast Guard; "(B) the payment or reimbursement of authorized funeral travel and travel related to the dignified transfer of remains and unit memorial services under section 481f of title 37, with respect to members of the Coast Guard; and "(C) the temporary continuation of a basic allowance of housing for dependents of members of the Coast Guard dying on active duty, as authorized by section 403(1) of title 37. "(b) COAST GUARD-SPECIFIC FUNDING LAPSE.—For purposes of this section, a Coast Guard-specific funding lapse occurs in any case in which— "(1) a general appropriation bill providing appropriations for the Coast Guard for a fiscal year is not enacted before the beginning of such fiscal year (and no joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Coast Guard is in effect); and "(2) a general appropriation bill providing appropriations for the Department of Defense for such fiscal year is enacted before the beginning of such fiscal year (or a joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Department of Defense is in effect). "(c) TERMINATION.—Appropriations and funds made available and authority granted for any fiscal year for any purpose under subsection (a) shall be available until

whichever of the following first occurs: "(1) The enactment into law of an appropriation (including a continuing appropriation) for such purpose. "(2) The enactment into law of the applicable regular or continuing appropriations resolution or other Act without any appropriation for such purpose. "(3) The termination of availability of appropriations for the Department of Defense. "(4) The date that is 2 weeks after the beginning of the Coast Guard-specific funding lapse. "(d) RATE FOR OPERATIONS: APPLICABILITY TO APPROPRIATIONS ACTS.—Appropriations made pursuant to this section shall be at a rate for operations and to the extent and manner that would be provided by the pertinent appropriations Act. "(e) CHARGE TO FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS.-Expenditures made pursuant to this section shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization is enacted into law. "(f) APPORTIONMENT.—Appropriations and funds made available by or authority granted under this section may be used without regard to the time limitations for submission and approval of apportionments set forth in section 1513 of title 31, but nothing in this section may be construed to waive any other provision of law governing the apportionment of funds. "(g) DEFINITIONS.-In this section: (1) QUALIFIED CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE.—The term 'qualified civilian employee' means a civilian employee of the Coast Guard whom the Commandant determines is- "(A) providing support to members of the Coast Guard or another Armed Force; or "(B) performing work as an excepted employee or an employee performing emergency work, as such terms are defined by the Office of Personnel Management. "(2) QUALIFIED CONTRACT EMPLOYEE OF THE COAST GUARD.-The term 'qualified contract employee of the Coast Guard' means an individual performing work under a contract whom the Commandant determines is- "(A) providing support to military members or qualified civilian employees of the Coast Guard or another Armed Force; or "(B) required to perform work during a lapse in appropriations.". (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 27 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: "2780. Pay; continuation during lapse in appropriations.".; was WITHDRAWN.

- An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Mr. Begich of Alaska (Begich 038): Page 323, strike lines 1 through 23 and insert the following: "(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection: "(A) QUALIFIED VESSEL.—The term 'qualified vessel' means a vessel operating in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States within or surrounding the State of Alaska. "(B) QUALIFIED OIL SPILL.—The term 'qualified oil spill' means an oil spill occurring in the waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States within or surrounding the State of Alaska.".; was WITHDRAWN.
- An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Ms. McDonald Rivet of Michigan (McDonald Rivet 021): At the end of section 281, add the following: (c) HEIGHTENED SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS .- Not later than 180 days after the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate receive the report under subsection (a), the Commandant shall fully operate search and rescue operations for 24 hours per day at each impacted Coast Guard facility for which all of the following are true: (1) The report identified that the impacted Coast Guard facility resulted in an increased average response time for search and rescue operations. (2) The report identified an increase in fatalities within the area of responsibility of the impacted Coast Guard facility. (3) The report identified a decrease in the number of vessel safety checks administered by the impacted Coast Guard facility. (4) The nearest anchor station facility is farther than 30 nautical miles from the impacted Coast Guard facility. (5) The report identified fewer than 15 active search and rescue personnel at the impacted Coast Guard facility. (d) OPERATIONAL STATUS.-Not later than 90 days after the Commandant identifies the impacted Coast Guard facilities for which paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (c) are true, and every 120 days thereafter, the Commandant shall provide to each impacted member of Congress the operational status of the impacted Coast Guard facility.; Was WITHDRAWN.

- An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Mr. Webster of Florida (Webster 021): Page 232, strike lines 10 through 20 and insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent subsections accordingly): (a) REPEAL.—Section 8343 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) is repealed. (b) SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.—Subchapter I of chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: "§ 70008. Special activities in exclusive economic zone "(a) IN GENERAL.-The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may establish safety zones to address special activities in the exclusive economic zone. "(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section.— "(1) SAFETY ZONE.—The term 'safety zone'— "(A) means a water area, shore area, or water and shore area to which, for safety or environmental purposes, access is limited to authorized persons, vehicles, or vessels; and "(B) may be stationary and described by fixed limits or may be described as a zone around a vessel in motion. "(2) SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.-The term 'special activities' includes space activities, including launch and reentry (as such terms are defined in section 50902 of title 51) carried out by United States citizens. "(3) UNITED STATES CITIZEN.—The term 'United States citizen' has the meaning given the term 'eligible owners' in section 12103 of title 46, United States Code.". (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.-The analysis for chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 70007 the following: "70008. Special activities in exclusive economic zone."; was WITHDRAWN.
- An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Mr. Begich of Alaska (Begich 040): Page 324, after line 25 insert the following: SEC. 408. USE OF OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND. Section 1012(a)(5) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2712(a)(5)) is amended—(1) in subparagraph (C) by striking "and" at the end; (2) in subparagraph (D) by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and (3) by adding at the end the following: "(E) not more than \$50,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be available to Indian tribes located in a Coastal Shoreline Community to be used for capital and operating expenses to support the National Response System under section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)).".; Was WITHDRAWN.
- An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Mr. Ryan of New York (Ryan 058): Page 242, after line 9, insert the following: SEC. 327. ANCHORAGES. Section 8437 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is amended—(1) by striking subsections (d) and (e); (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d); and (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following: "(c) PROHIBITION.—The Commandant shall prohibit any vessel anchoring on the reach of the Hudson River described in subsection (a) unless such anchoring is within anchorage grounds established before January 1, 2021.".; was WITHDRAWN.
- An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of s Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Mr. Burlison of Missouri (Burlison 049): Page 134, strike lines 12 through 14 (and redesignate accordingly). Page 161, beginning on line 12, strike ", including diversity, inclusion, and issues regarding women specifically". Page 191, beginning on line 20, strike ", disaggregated by gender, race, and grade of student participants".; was WITHDRAWN.
- An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4275, offered by Mr. Moulton of Massachusetts (Moulton 031): At the end of section 273 add the following: (d) STUDY ON RELIANCE ON AIDS TO NAVIGATION.—(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall conduct a study on the extent to which physical aids to navigation, including buoys and dayboards, are relied upon by maritime users in the Missouri River, First Coast Guard District, and Thirteenth Coast Guard District. (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In the study conducted under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall include the following: (A) An analysis of the extent to which physical aids to navigation serve as

primary navigational references for operators of vessels that lack electronic or satellite-based systems, including small commercial vessels, recreational boats, sailboats, and skiffs, (B) An assessment of the role physical aids to navigation play in supporting safe vessel operation during outages, disruptions, or inaccuracies in electronic or satellite-based navigation systems. (C) An assessment of mariner perspectives on the availability, visibility, and reliability of physical aids to navigation, based on input from recreational boaters, commercial fishermen, pilot associations, port authorities, and other relevant waterway users. (D) A summary of reported incidents or near-miss events from the past five years in which the presence or absence of physical aids to navigation played a contributory role in navigational outcomes, including collisions, groundings, or deviations from intended routes. (E) Recommendations for enhancing navigational safety for mariners who rely exclusively on, or supplement electronic systems with, traditional visual aids to navigation. (F) A cost-benefit analysis of the continued maintenance of physical aids to navigation, and the projected consequences of their removal, including—(i) an estimate of the potential increase in maritime accidents, search and rescue operations, environmental incidents, and Coast Guard response missions that could result from the reduction or removal of physical aids to navigation; (ii) a comparison of the anticipated costs associated with such increased Coast Guard response operations to the ongoing costs of maintaining and servicing buoys and dayboards, particularly in high-traffic areas or locations with limited access to electronic navigation systems; (iii) an assessment of the role physical aids to navigation play in preventing incidents involving vessels with limited or no reliance on GPS or electronic systems; and (iv) an assessment of the indirect costs and operational impacts associated with the removal of physical aids to navigation, including increased risk of vessel groundings, prolonged Coast Guard response times, and diminished mariner trust in navigational infrastructure. (3) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.-Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

- The Committee adopted the following Committee Resolutions, en bloc, by voice vote:
- Committee Resolution: GSA Resolution, Lease, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Greater Metropolitan Cleveland, OH Area, POH-01-CL22;
- Committee Resolution: GSA Resolution, Lease, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charlotte, NC, PNC-01-CH23;
- Committee Resolution: GSA Resolution, Lease, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Indianapolis, IN, PIN-01-IN24;
- Committee Resolution: GSA Resolution, Alteration, Optimization Program, Various Buildings, POP-0001-MU25;
- Committee Resolution: GSA Resolution, Amended Prospectus Alteration, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building Complex, New York, NY, PNY-0282-NY25
- Committee Resolution: GSA Resolution, Alteration, Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse, Cleveland, OH, POH-0301-CL25; and
- Committee Resolution: GSA Resolution, Amended Prospectus Alteration, Ronald Reagan Building Complex, Washington, DC, PDC-0000AF-DC25.

- A unanimous consent request by Mr. Graves of Missouri that H.R. 4275, as amended, be reported as a single Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute incorporating any amendments adopted; was NOT OBJECTED TO.
- A unanimous consent request by Mr. Graves of Missouri that staff be authorized to make all necessary technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to H.R. 4275, as amended; was NOT OBJECTED TO.
- A motion by Mr. Graves of Missouri that, pursuant to Rule XXII, clause 1, the Committee authorizes the Chairman, or designee, to offer such motions as may be necessary in the House to go to conference with the Senate on H.R. 4275, as amended; was NOT OBJECTED TO.
- A unanimous consent request by Mr. Graves of Missouri that, the Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Member, has authority to strike or revise any provision of the bills ordered reported today that would cause a sequential referral to another committee, or that would cause the bills to concurrent resolutions to be subject to a Budget Act or a Rule 21 CUTGO point of order; was NOT OBJECTED TO.
- Pursuant to Rule XI clause 2(1), of the Rules of the House of Representative, the Chairman notes that Members may have two calendar days in which to file any supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views on H.R. 4275, as amended; was NOT OBJECTED TO.
- Pursuant to Rule 6 of the Rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Chairman noted the presence of a quorum for actions taken on all Committee business today.

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