

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 4044, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4044

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2019

Mr. MALINOWSKI (for himself, Mrs. FLETCHER, and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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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 “Protect and Restore  
5 America’s Estuaries Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE.**

2 Section 320(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Water Pollution  
3 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(a)(2)(B)) is amended by  
4 striking “and Peconic Bay, New York” and inserting  
5 “Peconic Bay, New York; Casco Bay, Maine; Tampa Bay,  
6 Florida; Coastal Bend, Texas; San Juan Bay, Puerto  
7 Rico; Tillamook Bay, Oregon; Piscataqua Region, New  
8 Hampshire; Barnegat Bay, New Jersey; Maryland Coastal  
9 Bays, Maryland; Charlotte Harbor, Florida; Mobile Bay,  
10 Alabama; Morro Bay, California; and Lower Columbia  
11 River, Oregon and Washington”.

12 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES OF CONFERENCE.**

13 Section 320(b)(4) of the Federal Water Pollution  
14 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(b)(4)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “management plan that rec-  
16 ommends” and inserting “management plan that—  
17 “(A) recommends”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(B) addresses the effects of recurring ex-  
20 treme weather events on the estuary, including  
21 the identification and assessment of  
22 vulnerabilities in the estuary and the develop-  
23 ment and implementation of adaptation strate-  
24 gies; and

1                   “(C) increases public education and aware-  
2                   ness of the ecological health and water quality  
3                   conditions of the estuary;”.

4 **SEC. 4. MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE.**

5           Section 320(c)(5) of the Federal Water Pollution  
6 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(c)(5)) is amended by insert-  
7 ing “nonprofit organizations,” after “educational institu-  
8 tions,”.

9 **SEC. 5. GRANTS.**

10          Section 320(g)(4)(C) of the Federal Water Pollution  
11 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)(4)(C)) is amended—

12                   (1) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

13                           (A) by inserting “, emerging,” after “ur-  
14                           gent”; and

15                           (B) by striking “coastal areas” and insert-  
16                           ing “the estuaries selected by the Administrator  
17                           under subsection (a)(2), or that relate to the  
18                           coastal resiliency of such estuaries”;

19                   (2) by redesignating clauses (vi) and (vii) as  
20                   clauses (viii) and (ix), respectively, and inserting  
21                   after clause (v) the following:

22                                   “(vi) stormwater runoff;

23                                   “(vii) accelerated land loss;”; and

24                   (3) in clause (viii), as so redesignated, by in-  
25                   serting “, extreme weather,” after “sea level rise”.

**1 SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 320(i)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution  
3 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(i)(1)) is amended by insert-  
4 ing “, and \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022  
5 through 2026,” after “2021”.