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H. R. 1845

To establish the Biological Survey in the Department of the Interior.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUDDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

A BILL

To establish the Biological Survey in the Department of
the Interior.

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 “Biological Survey Act
5 of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the De-
8 partment of the Interior an office which shall be known
9 as the Biological Survey. The purpose of the Survey is
10 to ensure—

1 (1) the comprehensive assessment of the bio-
2 logical resources of the United States;

3 (2) the provision of information to be used in
4 protecting and managing ecosystems, including their
5 plant, fish, and wildlife components; and

6 (3) that the Secretary may anticipate and avoid
7 or resolve conflicts arising in the implementation of
8 the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and other fish-
9 eries and wildlife conservation laws.

10 (b) DIRECTOR.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The head of the Survey is
12 the Director of the Biological Survey, who shall—

13 (A) be appointed by the President, by and
14 with the advice and consent of the Senate, from
15 among individuals having expertise in the bio-
16 logical sciences; and

17 (B) be compensated at the rate provided
18 for level V of the Executive Schedule.

19 (2) FUNCTIONS.—The Director, under the su-
20 pervision of the Assistant Secretary, shall perform
21 the following functions:

22 (A) Assess and study biological resources,
23 including plants, fish, wildlife, and ecosystems
24 and their components.

1 (B) Develop, test, and monitor methods of
2 ecosystem management in order to improve the
3 capability of the Secretary to conserve biological
4 resources and diversity.

5 (C) Collect and analyze data and informa-
6 tion to determine and inventory the distribu-
7 tion, abundance, health, status, and trends of
8 biological resources and ecosystems.

9 (D) Develop methods for the consistent
10 and systematic collection and analysis of data
11 on ecosystems and their components.

12 (E) Disseminate information to resource
13 managers, scientists, and the public.

14 (F) Provide technical assistance in support
15 of legislative, regulatory, and resource manage-
16 ment decisions.

17 (G) Perform international activities related
18 to the management of biological resources.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term—

20 (1) “Assistant Secretary” means the Assistant
21 Secretary for Fish and Wildlife of the Department
22 of the Interior established under section 3 of the
23 Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742b);

24 (2) “Director” means the Director of the Bio-
25 logical Survey appointed under subsection (b);

1 (3) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the
2 Interior; and

3 (4) “Survey” means the Biological Survey es-
4 tablished under subsection (a).

5 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

6 Section 5316 of title 5, United States Code, is
7 amended by inserting after the item relating to the Direc-
8 tor, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department
9 of the Interior, the following:

10 “Director of the Biological Survey, Department
11 of the Interior.”.

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