

The amendment (No. 5184) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (S. 1776), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CROSS-BORDER TRADE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2016

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 875, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 875) to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 875) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

EXEMPTING EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN ECHINODERMS AND MOLLUSKS FROM LICENSING RE- QUIREMENTS UNDER THE EN- DANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4245, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4245) to exempt exportation of certain echinoderms and mollusks from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I further ask that the King amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 5185) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. EXPEDITED EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN SPECIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the

Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (referred to in this section as the "Director") shall issue a proposed rule to amend section 14.92 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, to establish expedited procedures relating to the export permission requirements of section 9(d)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(d)(1)) for fish or wildlife described in subsection (c).

(b) EXEMPTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As part of the rulemaking under subsection (a), subject to paragraph (2), the Director may provide an exemption from the requirement to procure—

(A) a permission under section 9(d)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(d)(1)); or

(B) an export license under subpart I of part 14 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) LIMITATIONS.—The Director shall not provide an exemption under paragraph (1)—

(A) unless the Director determines that the exemption will not have a significant negative impact on the conservation of the species that is the subject of the exemption; or

(B) to an entity that has been convicted of a violation of a Federal law relating to the importation, transportation, or exportation of wildlife during a period of not less than 5 years ending on the date on which the entity applies for exemption under paragraph (1).

(c) COVERED FISH OR WILDLIFE.—The fish or wildlife described in this subsection are the species commonly known as sea urchins and sea cucumbers (including any product of a sea urchin or sea cucumber) that—

(1) do not require a permit under part 16, 17, or 23 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations; and

(2) are exported for purposes of human or animal consumption.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 4245), as amended, was passed.

AUTHORIZING TAKING PICTURES AND FILMING IN THE SENATE CHAMBER, THE SENATE WING OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL, AND SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 642, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 642) authorizing taking pictures and filming in the Senate Chamber, the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol, and Senate Office Buildings for production of a film and a book on the history of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 642) was agreed to.

(The resolution is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

AMERICAN INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 695, S. 3084.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3084) to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "American Innovation and Competitiveness Act".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Sec. 3. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE I—MAXIMIZING BASIC RESEARCH

Sec. 101. Reaffirmation of merit-based peer review.

Sec. 102. Transparency and accountability.

Sec. 103. EPSCoR reaffirmation and update.

Sec. 104. Cybersecurity research.

Sec. 105. Networking and information technology research and development update.

Sec. 106. High-energy physics coordination.

Sec. 107. Laboratory program improvements.

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Sec. 109. Standard Reference Data Act update.

Sec. 110. NSF mid-scale project investments.

Sec. 111. Oversight of NSF large-scale research facility projects.

Sec. 112. Conflicts of interest.

Sec. 113. Management of the NSF Antarctic Program.

Sec. 114. NIST campus security.

Sec. 115. Federal coordination of sustainable chemistry research and development.

TITLE II—ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY BURDEN REDUCTION

Sec. 201. Interagency working group on research regulation.

Sec. 202. Scientific and technical collaboration.

Sec. 203. NIST grants and cooperative agreements update.

Sec. 204. Repeal of certain obsolete reports.

Sec. 205. Repeal of certain provisions.

Sec. 206. Grant subrecipient transparency and oversight.

Sec. 207. Micro-purchase threshold for procurement solicitations by research institutions.

TITLE III—SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH EDUCATION

Sec. 301. Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program update.

Sec. 302. Space grants.

Sec. 303. STEM Education Advisory Panel.

Sec. 304. Committee on STEM Education.

Sec. 305. Grant programs to expand STEM opportunities.

Sec. 306. Centers of excellence for inclusion in STEM.