



AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide direct hire authority for Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHATZ

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY; DEAN JOHN A.**

3 **KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FELLOWSHIP.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal year 2016 and
5 thereafter, the head of any Federal agency may appoint,
6 without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter
7 33 of title 5, United States Code, other than sections 3303
8 and 3328 of that title, a qualified candidate described in
9 subsection (b) directly to a position with the Federal agen-
10 cy for which the candidate meets Office of Personnel Man-
11 agement qualification standards.

1 (b) DEAN JOHN A. KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FEL-
2 LOWSHIP.—Subsection (a) applies with respect to a
3 former recipient of a Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy
4 Fellowship under section 208(b) of the National Sea
5 Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(b)) who—

6 (1) earned a graduate or post-graduate degree
7 in a field related to ocean, coastal and Great Lakes
8 resources or policy from an accredited institution of
9 higher education; and

10 (2) successfully fulfilled the requirements of the
11 fellowship within the executive or legislative branch
12 of the United States Government.

13 (c) LIMITATION.—The direct hire authority under
14 this section shall be exercised with respect to a specific
15 qualified candidate not later than 2 years after the date
16 that the candidate completed the fellowship.