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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To permit certain public display of non-releasable marine mammals.

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S. 3059

To reauthorize and amend the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program 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. WICKER

Viz:

1 On page 5, between lines 7 and 8, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(e) PUBLIC DISPLAY OF MARINE MAMMALS.—

4 “(1) RESCUING FACILITY.—The facility res-
5 cuing and rehabilitating a stranded marine mammal
6 that meets the public display criteria of this Act
7 shall have the right to keep a marine mammal
8 deemed non-releasable for public display purposes, if -

9 “(2) OTHER FACILITY.—A licensed public dis-
10 play facility in a contiguous geographic area where
11 a marine mammal stranded and later deemed non-

(A) the marine mammal is deemed non-releasable, and
(B) the facility -
(i) meets the public display criteria of the Act and the Animal Welfare Act (7 USC 2131 of seq.), and
(ii) meets the requirements for maintenance and care established by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.
(2) If the facility that rescued and rehabilitated the marine mammal was not chosen for permanent placement, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall provide written documentation to that facility explaining why the applicant has not met the MMPA and AWA requirements.

be given preference when the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration decides Permanent placement of

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1 releasable by a stranding facility shall be given pref-
2 erence to acquire the marine mammal.”.