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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To establish a maritime extreme weather task force.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 2829**

To amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ to the amendment (No. \_\_\_\_\_) proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . MARITIME EXTREME WEATHER TASK FORCE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE.—Not later  
4 than 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
5 Secretary of Transportation shall establish a task force  
6 to analyze the impact of extreme weather events, such as  
7 in the maritime environment (referred to in this section  
8 as the “Task Force”).

9 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be com-  
10 posed of—

1           (1) the Secretary or the Secretary's designee;  
2           and

3           (2) a representative of—

4                 (A) the Coast Guard;

5                 (B) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
6           Administration;

7                 (C) the Federal Maritime Commission; and

8                 (D) such other Federal agency or inde-  
9           pendent commission as the Secretary considers  
10          appropriate.

11          (e) REPORT.—

12                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
13          graph (4), not later than 180 days after the date it  
14          is established under subsection (a), the Task Force  
15          shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,  
16          Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the  
17          Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
18          the House of Representatives a report on the anal-  
19          ysis under subsection (a).

20                 (2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph

21          (1) shall include—

22                 (A) an identification of available weather  
23          prediction, monitoring, and routing technology  
24          resources;

1 (B) an identification of industry best prac-  
2 tices relating to response to, and prevention of  
3 marine casualties from, extreme weather events;

4 (C) a description of how the resources de-  
5 scribed in subparagraph (A) are used in the  
6 various maritime sectors, including by pas-  
7 senger and cargo vessels;

8 (D) recommendations for improving mari-  
9 time response operations to extreme weather  
10 events and preventing marine casualties from  
11 extreme weather events, such as promoting the  
12 use of risk communications and the technologies  
13 identified under subparagraph (A); and

14 (E) recommendations for any legislative or  
15 regulatory actions for improving maritime re-  
16 sponse operations to extreme weather events  
17 and preventing marine casualties from extreme  
18 weather events.

19 (3) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall make  
20 the report under paragraph (1) and any notification  
21 under paragraph (4) publicly accessible in an elec-  
22 tronic format.

23 (4) IMMINENT THREATS.—The Task Force  
24 shall immediately notify the Secretary of any finding  
25 or recommendations that could protect the safety of

1 an individual on a vessel from an imminent threat  
2 of extreme weather.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
5 necessary to carry out this section.