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# H. R. 3249

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 1996

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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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. SEABED MINERALS.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
5 2(a) of Public Law 98–409 (30 U.S.C. 1222(a)) is amend-  
6 ed by adding the following at the end thereof:

7 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary  
8 not more than \$1,200,000 for each of the fiscal years after

1 fiscal year 1996 to be made available by the Secretary to  
2 an institute experienced in investigating the shallow and  
3 deep seabed as a source for nonfuel minerals to be used  
4 by the institute to assist in developing domestic techno-  
5 logical capabilities required for the location of, and the ef-  
6 ficient and environmentally sound recovery of, minerals  
7 (other than oil and gas) from the nation's shallow and  
8 deep seabed.”.

9 (b) **SHORT TITLE.**—Section 11 of Public Law 98–  
10 409 (30 U.S.C. 1201 note) is amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 11. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This Act may be cited as the “Mining and Mineral  
13 Resources Institutes Act.”.

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