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Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. LOTT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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To amend the Mining and Mineral Policy Act of 1970 to promote the research, identification, assessment, and exploration of marine mineral resources, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mining and Mineral
3 Policy Amendments Act of 1995”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

5 The Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 (30
6 U.S.C. 21a) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting after the first section the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“TITLE I—MINING POLICY”;**

10 (2) by redesignating section 2 as section 101;
11 and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 **“TITLE II—MARINE MINERALS**
14 **RESEARCH PROGRAM**

15 **“SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

16 “In this title:

17 “(1) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term ‘eligible en-
18 tity’ means—

19 “(A) a research or educational entity char-
20 tered or incorporated under Federal or State
21 law;

22 “(B) an individual who is a United States
23 citizen; or

24 “(C) a State or regional agency.

25 “(2) **MARINE MINERAL RESOURCE.**—The term
26 ‘marine mineral resource’ means—

1 ~~“(A) sand and aggregates;~~

2 ~~“(B) placers;~~

3 ~~“(C) phosphates;~~

4 ~~“(D) manganese nodules;~~

5 ~~“(E) cobalt crusts;~~

6 ~~“(F) metal sulfides; and~~

7 ~~“(G) other marine resources that are not—~~

8 ~~“(i) oil and gas;~~

9 ~~“(ii) fisheries; or~~

10 ~~“(iii) marine mammals.~~

11 ~~“(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means~~
12 ~~the Secretary of the Interior.~~

13 ~~“(4) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION.—The term ‘in-~~
14 ~~kind contribution’ means a non-cash contribution~~
15 ~~provided by a non-Federal entity that directly bene-~~
16 ~~fits and is related to a specific project or program.~~
17 ~~An in-kind contribution may include real property,~~
18 ~~equipment, supplies, other expendable property,~~
19 ~~goods, and services.~~

20 ~~**“SEC. 202. RESEARCH PROGRAM.**~~

21 ~~“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after~~
22 ~~the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall es-~~
23 ~~tablish and carry out a program to promote marine min-~~
24 ~~eral research.~~

1 “(b) PROGRAM GOAL.—The goal of the marine min-
2 eral research program shall be to—

3 “(1) promote research, identification, assess-
4 ment, exploration, and development of marine min-
5 eral resources in an environmentally responsible
6 manner; and

7 “(2) encourage academia and industry to jointly
8 conduct basic and applied research through grants,
9 cooperative agreements, or contracts with the Fed-
10 eral Government.

11 “(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—In
12 carrying out the marine mineral research program, the
13 Secretary shall—

14 “(1) promote and coordinate partnerships be-
15 tween industry, government, and academia to re-
16 search, identify, assess, and explore marine mineral
17 resources in an environmentally sound manner and
18 reduce the United States trade deficit in mineral
19 commodities; and

20 “(2) foster communication and coordination be-
21 tween Federal and State agencies, universities, and
22 private entities concerning marine mineral research
23 on seabeds of the continental shelf, ocean basins,
24 and related areas.

1 **“SEC. 203. GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE**
2 **AGREEMENTS.**

3 **“(a) ASSISTANCE AND COORDINATION.—**

4 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary shall award
5 grants or contracts to, or enter into cooperative
6 agreements with, eligible entities to support research
7 for the development of—

8 **“(A) equipment, systems, and components**
9 **necessary for the identification, assessment, and**
10 **exploration of marine mineral resources in an**
11 **environmentally responsible manner;**

12 **“(B) methods of detecting, monitoring,**
13 **and predicting the presence of adverse environ-**
14 **mental effects in the marine environment and**
15 **remediating the environmental effects of marine**
16 **mineral resource exploration, development, and**
17 **production; and**

18 **“(C) education and training material in**
19 **marine mineral research and resource manage-**
20 **ment.**

21 **“(2) FUNDING FOR GRANTS, CONTRACTS, OR**
22 **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—**

23 **“(A) FEDERAL SHARE.—**Except as pro-
24 vided in subparagraph (B)(ii), the Federal
25 share of the cost of a project carried out under

1 this subsection shall not be greater than 80 per-
2 cent of the total cost of the project.

3 ~~“(B) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The remain-~~
4 ~~ing non-Federal share of the cost of a project~~
5 ~~carried out under this section may be—~~

6 ~~“(i) in the form of cash or in-kind~~
7 ~~contributions, or both; and~~

8 ~~“(ii) comprised of funds made avail-~~
9 ~~able under other Federal programs, except~~
10 ~~that non-Federal funds shall be used to de-~~
11 ~~fray at least 10 percent of the total cost of~~
12 ~~the project.~~

13 ~~“(b) COMPETITIVE REVIEW.—~~

14 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity shall not be eligi-~~
15 ~~ble to receive a grant or contract, or participate in~~
16 ~~a cooperative agreement, under subsection (a) un-~~
17 ~~less—~~

18 ~~“(A) the entity submits a proposal to the~~
19 ~~Secretary at such time, in such manner, and ac-~~
20 ~~companied by such information as the Secretary~~
21 ~~may reasonably require; and~~

22 ~~“(B) the proposal has been evaluated by a~~
23 ~~competitive review panel under paragraph (3).~~

24 ~~“(2) COMPETITIVE REVIEW PANELS.—~~

1 “(A) COMPOSITION.—A competitive review
2 panel shall be chaired by the Secretary and
3 composed of members who meet the following
4 criteria:

5 “(i) APPOINTMENT.—The members
6 shall be appointed by the Secretary.

7 “(ii) EXPERIENCE.—Not less than 50
8 percent of the members shall represent or
9 be employed by private marine resource
10 companies that are involved in exploration
11 of the marine environment and develop-
12 ment of marine mineral resources.

13 “(iii) INTEREST.—None of the mem-
14 bers may have an interest in a grant, con-
15 tract, or cooperative agreement being eval-
16 uated by the panel.

17 “(B) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
18 ACT.—A competitive review panel shall not be
19 subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act
20 (5 U.S.C. App.).

21 “(C) NO COMPENSATION.—A non-Federal
22 review panel member shall receive no compensa-
23 tion for performing duties under this section,
24 except that, while engaged in the performance
25 of duties away from the home or regular place

1 of business of the member, the member may be
2 allowed travel expenses, including per diem in
3 lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as a
4 person employed intermittently in the Federal
5 Government under section 5702(b) of title 5,
6 United States Code.

7 “(3) EVALUATION.—A competitive review panel
8 shall base an evaluation of a proposal on criteria de-
9 veloped by the Secretary that shall include—

10 “(A) the merits of the proposal;

11 “(B) the research methodology and costs
12 of the proposal;

13 “(C) the capability of the entity submitting
14 the proposal and any other participating entity
15 to perform the proposed work and provide in-
16 kind contributions;

17 “(D) the amount of matching funds pro-
18 vided by the entity submitting the proposal or
19 provided by other Federal, State, or private en-
20 tities;

21 “(E) the extent of collaboration with other
22 Federal, State, or private entities;

23 “(F) in the case of a noncommercial entity,
24 the existence of a cooperative agreement with a

1 commercial entity that provides for collabora-
 2 tion in the proposed research;

3 “(G) whether the proposal promotes re-
 4 sponsible environmental stewardship; and

5 “(H) such other factors as the Secretary
 6 considers appropriate.

7 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—

8 “(1) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more
 9 than 3 percent of the amount made available to
 10 carry out this section during a fiscal year may be
 11 used by the Secretary for expenses associated with
 12 administration of the program authorized by this
 13 section.

14 “(2) CONSTRUCTION COSTS.—None of the
 15 funds made available under this section may be used
 16 for the construction of a new building or the acquisi-
 17 tion, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of an exist-
 18 ing building (including site grading and improve-
 19 ment and architect fees).

20 “(d) REPORTS.—An eligible entity that receives a
 21 grant or contract or enters into a cooperative agreement
 22 under this section shall submit an annual progress report
 23 and a final technical report to the Secretary that—

24 “(1) describes project activities, implications of
 25 the project, the significance of the project to marine

1 mineral research, identification, assessment, and ex-
2 ploration, and potential commercial and economic
3 benefits and effects of the project; and

4 “(2) in the case of an annual progress report,
5 includes a project plan for the subsequent year.

6 **“SEC. 204. MARINE MINERAL RESEARCH CENTERS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall designate 2
8 centers for marine mineral research.

9 “(b) CONCENTRATION.—One center shall concentrate
10 primarily on marine mineral resources research in the con-
11 tinental shelf regions of the United States and 1 center
12 shall concentrate primarily on marine mineral resources
13 in deep seabed and near-shore environments of islands.

14 “(c) CRITERIA.—In designating a center under this
15 section, the Secretary shall give priority to a university
16 that—

17 “(1) administers a federally funded center for
18 marine minerals research;

19 “(2) matriculates students for advanced degrees
20 in marine geological sciences, nonenergy natural re-
21 sources, and related sciences;

22 “(3) is a United States university with estab-
23 lished programs and facilities that primarily focus
24 on marine minerals;

1 “(4) has engaged in collaboration and coopera-
2 tion with industry, governmental agencies, and other
3 universities that have an active interest in nonenergy
4 marine mineral resources; and

5 “(5) has been designated by the Secretary as a
6 State Mining and Mineral Resources Research Insti-
7 tute.

8 “(d) CENTER ACTIVITIES.—A center shall—

9 “(1) provide technical assistance to the Sec-
10 retary concerning marine mineral resources;

11 “(2) advise the Secretary on pertinent inter-
12 national activities in marine mineral resources devel-
13 opment;

14 “(3) engage in research, training, and edu-
15 cation transfer associated with the characterization
16 and utilization of marine mineral resources; and

17 “(4) promote the efficient identification, assess-
18 ment, exploration, and management of marine min-
19 eral resources in an environmentally sound manner.

20 “(e) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—In distributing funds
21 to the centers designated under subsection (a), the Sec-
22 retary shall, to the extent practicable, allocate an equal
23 amount to each center.

1 **“SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 ~~“There is authorized to be appropriated such sums~~
 3 ~~as are necessary to carry out this title.”.~~

4 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

5 *This Act may be cited as the “Marine Mineral Re-*
 6 *sources Research Act of 1996”.*

7 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

8 *The Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 (30*
 9 *U.S.C. 21a) is amended—*

10 *(1) by inserting after the first section the follow-*
 11 *ing:*

12 **“TITLE I—MINING POLICY”;**

13 *(2) by redesignating section 2 as section 101;*
 14 *and*

15 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

16 **“TITLE II—MARINE MINERAL RE-**
 17 **SOURCES RESEARCH PRO-**
 18 **GRAM**

19 **“SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

20 *“In this title:*

21 *“(1) The term ‘contract’ has the same meaning*
 22 *as ‘procurement contract’ in section 6303 of title 31,*
 23 *United States Code.*

24 *“(2) The term ‘cooperative agreement’ has the*
 25 *same meaning as in section 6305 of title 31, United*
 26 *States Code.*

1 “(3) *The term ‘eligible entity’ means—*

2 “(A) *a research or educational entity char-*
3 *tered or incorporated under Federal or State*
4 *law;*

5 “(B) *an individual who is a United States*
6 *citizen; or*

7 “(C) *a State or regional agency.*

8 “(4) *The term ‘grant’ has the same meaning as*
9 *‘grant agreement’ in section 6304 of title 31, United*
10 *States Code.*

11 “(5) *The term ‘in-kind contribution’ means a*
12 *noncash contribution provided by a non-Federal en-*
13 *tity that directly benefits and is related to a specific*
14 *project or program. An in-kind contribution may in-*
15 *clude real property, equipment, supplies, other ex-*
16 *pendable property, goods, and services.*

17 “(6) *The term ‘marine mineral resource’*
18 *means—*

19 “(A) *sand and aggregates;*

20 “(B) *placers;*

21 “(C) *phosphates;*

22 “(D) *manganese nodules;*

23 “(E) *cobalt crusts;*

24 “(F) *metal sulfides; and*

25 “(G) *other marine resources that are not—*

1 “(i) oil and gas;

2 “(ii) fisheries; or

3 “(iii) marine mammals.

4 “(7) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of
5 the Interior.

6 **SEC. 202. RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

7 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall establish and
8 carry out a program of research on marine mineral re-
9 sources.

10 “(b) *PROGRAM GOAL.*—The goal of the program shall
11 be to—

12 “(1) promote research, identification, assessment,
13 and exploration of marine mineral resources in an
14 environmentally responsible manner;

15 “(2) assist in developing domestic technologies
16 required for efficient and environmentally sound de-
17 velopment of marine mineral resources;

18 “(3) coordinate and promote the use of tech-
19 nologies developed with Federal assistance, and the
20 use of available Federal assets, for research, identi-
21 fication, assessment, exploration, and development of
22 marine mineral resources; and

23 “(4) encourage academia and industry to con-
24 duct basic and applied research, on a joint basis,

1 *through grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts*
2 *with the Federal Government.*

3 “(c) *RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.*—*In car-*
4 *rying out the program, the Secretary shall—*

5 “(1) *promote and coordinate partnerships be-*
6 *tween industry, government, and academia to re-*
7 *search, identify, assess, and explore marine mineral*
8 *resources in an environmentally sound manner;*

9 “(2) *undertake programs to develop the basic in-*
10 *formation necessary to the long-term national interest*
11 *in marine mineral resources (including seabed map-*
12 *ping) and to ensure that data and information are*
13 *accessible and widely disseminated as needed and ap-*
14 *propriate;*

15 “(3) *identify, and promote cooperation among*
16 *agency programs that are developing, technologies de-*
17 *veloped by other Federal programs that may hold*
18 *promise for facilitating undersea applications related*
19 *to marine mineral resources, including technologies*
20 *related to vessels and other platforms, underwater ve-*
21 *hicles, survey and mapping systems, remote power*
22 *sources, data collection and transmission systems, and*
23 *various seabed research systems; and*

24 “(4) *foster communication and coordination be-*
25 *tween Federal and State agencies, universities, and*

1 *private entities concerning marine mineral research*
2 *on seabeds of the continental shelf, ocean basins, and*
3 *arctic and cold water areas.*

4 *In carrying out these responsibilities, the Secretary shall*
5 *ensure the participation of nonfederal users of technologies*
6 *and data related to marine mineral resources in planning*
7 *and priority setting.*

8 **“SEC. 203. GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE**
9 **AGREEMENTS.**

10 “(a) *ASSISTANCE AND COORDINATION.*—

11 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall award*
12 *grants or contracts to, or enter into cooperative agree-*
13 *ments with, eligible entities to support research for*
14 *the development or utilization of—*

15 “(A) *methods, equipment, systems, and com-*
16 *ponents necessary for the identification, assess-*
17 *ment, and exploration of marine mineral re-*
18 *sources in an environmentally responsible man-*
19 *ner;*

20 “(B) *methods of detecting, monitoring, and*
21 *predicting the presence of adverse environmental*
22 *effects in the marine environment and remediating*
23 *the environmental effects of marine mineral*
24 *resource exploration, development, and produc-*
25 *tion; and*

1 “(C) *education and training material in*
2 *marine mineral research and resource manage-*
3 *ment.*

4 “(2) *COST-SHARING FOR CONTRACTS OR COOPER-*
5 *ATIVE AGREEMENTS.—*

6 “(A) *FEDERAL SHARE.—Except as provided*
7 *in subparagraph (B)(ii), the Federal share of the*
8 *cost of a contract or cooperative agreement car-*
9 *ried out under this subsection shall not be great-*
10 *er than 80 percent of the total cost of the project.*

11 “(B) *NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The remain-*
12 *ing non-Federal share of the cost of a project car-*
13 *ried out under this section may be—*

14 “(i) *in the form of cash or in-kind con-*
15 *tributions, or both; and*

16 “(ii) *comprised of funds made avail-*
17 *able under other Federal programs, except*
18 *that non-Federal funds shall be used to de-*
19 *fray at least 10 percent of the total cost of*
20 *the project.*

21 “(C) *CONSULTATION.—Not later than 180*
22 *days after the date of enactment of this Act, the*
23 *Secretary shall establish, after consultation with*
24 *other Federal agencies, terms and conditions*
25 *under which Federal funding will be provided*

1 *under this subsection that are consistent with the*
2 *Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing*
3 *Measures referred to in section 101(d)(12) of the*
4 *Uruguay Round Agreement Act (19 U.S.C.*
5 *3511(d)(12)).*

6 “(b) *COMPETITIVE REVIEW.*—

7 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*An entity shall not be eligi-*
8 *ble to receive a grant or contract, or participate in*
9 *a cooperative agreement, under subsection (a) un-*
10 *less—*

11 “(A) *the entity submits a proposal to the*
12 *Secretary at such time, in such manner, and ac-*
13 *companied by such information as the Secretary*
14 *may reasonably require; and*

15 “(B) *the proposal has been evaluated by a*
16 *competitive review panel under paragraph (3).*

17 “(2) *COMPETITIVE REVIEW PANELS.*—

18 “(A) *COMPOSITION.*—*A competitive review*
19 *panel shall be chaired by the Secretary or by the*
20 *Secretary’s designee and shall be composed of*
21 *members who meet the following criteria:*

22 “(i) *APPOINTMENT.*—*The members*
23 *shall be appointed by the Secretary.*

24 “(ii) *EXPERIENCE.*—*Not less than 50*
25 *percent of the members shall represent or be*

1 *employed by private marine resource com-*
2 *panies that are involved in exploration of*
3 *the marine environment or development of*
4 *marine mineral resources.*

5 “(iii) *INTEREST.*—None of the mem-
6 *bers may have an interest in a grant, con-*
7 *tract, or cooperative agreement being evalu-*
8 *ated by the panel.*

9 “(B) *NO COMPENSATION.*—A review panel
10 *member who is not otherwise a Federal employee*
11 *shall receive no compensation for performing du-*
12 *ties under this section, except that, while engaged*
13 *in the performance of duties away from the home*
14 *or regular place of business of the member, the*
15 *member may be allowed travel expenses, includ-*
16 *ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same*
17 *manner as a person employed intermittently in*
18 *the Government service under section 5703 of*
19 *title 5, United States Code.*

20 “(3) *EVALUATION.*—A competitive review panel
21 *shall base an evaluation of a proposal on criteria de-*
22 *veloped by the Secretary that shall include—*

23 “(A) *the merits of the proposal;*

24 “(B) *the research methodology and costs of*
25 *the proposal;*

1 “(C) the capability of the entity submitting
2 the proposal and any other participating entity
3 to perform the proposed work and provide in-
4 kind contributions;

5 “(D) the amount of matching funds pro-
6 vided by the entity submitting the proposal or
7 provided by other Federal, State, or private enti-
8 ties;

9 “(E) the extent of collaboration with other
10 Federal, State, or private entities;

11 “(F) in the case of a noncommercial entity,
12 the existence of a cooperative agreement with a
13 commercial entity that provides for collaboration
14 in the proposed research;

15 “(G) whether the proposal promotes respon-
16 sible environmental stewardship; and

17 “(H) such other factors as the Secretary
18 considers appropriate.

19 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—

20 “(1) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more
21 than 10 percent of the amount made available to
22 carry out this section during a fiscal year may be
23 used by the Secretary for expenses associated with ad-
24 ministration of the program authorized by this sec-
25 tion.

1 “(2) *CONSTRUCTION COSTS.*—None of the funds
2 made available under this section may be used for the
3 construction of a new building or the acquisition, ex-
4 pansion, remodeling, or alteration of an existing
5 building (including site grading and improvement
6 and architect fees).

7 “(d) *REPORTS.*—An eligible entity that receives a
8 grant or contract or enters into a cooperative agreement
9 under this section shall submit an annual progress report
10 and a final technical report to the Secretary that—

11 “(1) describes project activities, implications of
12 the project, the significance of the project to marine
13 mineral research, identification, assessment, and ex-
14 ploration, and potential commercial and economic
15 benefits and effects of the project; and

16 “(2) *IN THE CASE OF AN ANNUAL PROGRESS RE-*
17 *PORT, INCLUDES A PROJECT PLAN FOR THE SUBSE-*
18 *QUENT YEAR.*

19 **“SEC. 204. MARINE MINERAL RESEARCH CENTERS.**

20 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—No later than 90 days after the
21 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall des-
22 ignate 3 centers for marine mineral research and related
23 activities.

24 “(b) *CONCENTRATION.*—One center shall concentrate
25 primarily on research in the continental shelf regions of the

1 *United States, 1 center shall concentrate primarily on re-*
2 *search in deep seabed and near-shore environments of is-*
3 *lands, and 1 center shall concentrate primarily on research*
4 *in arctic and cold water regions.*

5 “(c) *CRITERIA.—In designating a center under this*
6 *section, the Secretary shall give priority to a university*
7 *that—*

8 “(1) *administers a federally funded center for*
9 *marine minerals research;*

10 “(2) *matriculates students for advanced degrees*
11 *in marine geological sciences, nonenergy natural re-*
12 *sources, and related fields of science and engineering;*

13 “(3) *is a United States university with estab-*
14 *lished programs and facilities that primarily focus on*
15 *marine mineral resources;*

16 “(4) *has engaged in collaboration and coopera-*
17 *tion with industry, governmental agencies, and other*
18 *universities in the field of marine mineral resources;*

19 “(5) *has demonstrated significant engineering,*
20 *development, and design experience in two or more of*
21 *the following areas;*

22 “(A) *seabed exploration systems;*

23 “(B) *marine mining systems; and*

24 “(C) *marine mineral processing systems;*

25 *and*

1 “(6) has been designated by the Secretary as a
2 *State Mining and Mineral Resources Research Insti-*
3 *tute.*

4 “(d) *CENTER ACTIVITIES.*—A center shall—

5 “(1) *provide technical assistance to the Secretary*
6 *concerning marine mineral resources;*

7 “(2) *advise the Secretary on pertinent inter-*
8 *national activities in marine mineral resources devel-*
9 *opment;*

10 “(3) *engage in research, training, and education*
11 *transfer associated with the characterization and uti-*
12 *lization of marine mineral resources; and*

13 “(4) *promote the efficient identification, assess-*
14 *ment, exploration, and management of marine min-*
15 *eral resources in an environmentally sound manner.*

16 “(e) *ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.*—In distributing funds to
17 *the centers designated under subsection (a), the Secretary*
18 *shall, to the extent practicable, allocate an equal amount*
19 *to each center.*

20 “(f) *LIMITATIONS.*—

21 “(1) *ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.*—Not more
22 *than 5 percent of the amount made available to carry*
23 *out this section during a fiscal year may be use÷÷d*
24 *by the Secretary for expenses associated with admin-*
25 *istration of the program authorized by this section.*

1 “(2) *CONSTRUCTION COSTS.*—None of the funds
2 *made available under this section may be used for the*
3 *construction of a new building or the acquisition, ex-*
4 *pansion, remodeling, or alteration of an existing*
5 *building (including site grading and improvement*
6 *and architect fees).*

7 **“SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 *“There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as*
9 *are necessary to carry out this title.”.*

 Amend the title so as to read: “To promote the re-
search, identification, assessment, and exploration of ma-
rine mineral resources, and for other purposes.”.