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# S. 2504

To make improvements to the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 4, 2004

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To make improvements to the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Arctic Research and  
5 Policy Amendments Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHAIRPERSON OF THE ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMIS-**  
7 **SION.**

8 (a) COMPENSATION.—Section 103(d)(1) of the Arctic  
9 Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4102(d)(1))  
10 is amended in the second sentence by striking “90 days”

1 and inserting “, in the case of the chairperson, 120 days,  
2 and, in the case of any other member, 90 days,”.

3 (b) REDESIGNATION.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Arc-  
4 tic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C.  
5 4102(d)(2)) is amended by striking “Chairman” and in-  
6 serting “chairperson”.

7 **SEC. 3. COMMISSION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN RE-**  
8 **SEARCH.**

9 (a) AUTHORITY.—Section 104 of the Arctic Research  
10 and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4103) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
12 section (d); and

13 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
14 lowing new subsection:

15 “(b) COMMISSION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN RE-  
16 SEARCH.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Commission  
18 may make a cash award to any person in recognition  
19 of excellence in Arctic research conducted by such  
20 person or outstanding support of Arctic research  
21 provided by such person.

22 “(2) AMOUNT.—The amount of a cash award  
23 made to a person under paragraph (1) shall be fixed  
24 by the Commission and shall not exceed \$1,000.

1           “(3) INELIGIBILITY OF COMMISSION MEM-  
 2           BERS.—An individual who is or has been a member  
 3           of the Commission shall be ineligible to receive an  
 4           award under paragraph (1).”.

5           (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 104 of such  
 6 Act, as amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

7           (1) by inserting “DUTIES OF COMMISSION.—”  
 8           before “The Commission” in subsection (a); and

9           (2) by inserting “REPORT.—” before “Not later  
 10          than” in subsection (d).

11 **SEC. 4. GRANTS FOR ARCTIC RESEARCH.**

12          Section 104 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act  
 13 of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4103), as amended by section 3, is  
 14 further amended by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
 15 lowing new subsection:

16          “(c) FUNDING FOR ARCTIC RESEARCH.—

17                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With the prior approval of  
 18                 the Commission, or under authority delegated by the  
 19                 Commission, and subject to such conditions as the  
 20                 Commission may specify, the Executive Director ap-  
 21                 pointed under section 106(1) may—

22                         “(A) make grants to persons to fund, in  
 23                         whole or in part, the conduct of research con-  
 24                         cerning the Arctic; and

1           “(B) make funds available to the National  
2           Science Foundation or to any other agency of  
3           the United States for support of the conduct of  
4           research concerning the Arctic.

5           “(2) EFFECT OF ACTION BY EXECUTIVE DIREC-  
6           TOR.—An action taken by the Executive Director  
7           under paragraph (1) shall be final and binding on  
8           the Commission.”.

9   **SEC. 5. REPRESENTATION AND RECEPTION ACTIVITIES.**

10          Section 106 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act  
11 of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4105) is amended—

12           (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
13           (4);

14           (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
15           graph (5) and inserting “; and”; and

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

17           “(6) expend for representation and reception  
18           expenses each fiscal year not more than 0.2 percent  
19           of the amounts made available to the Commission  
20           under section 111 for such fiscal year.”.

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