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[Report No. 109-161]

To reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

OCTOBER 27, 2005

Reported by Mr. DOMENICI, without amendment

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Geologic
5 Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Section 2(a) of the National Geologic Mapping Act
3 of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31a(a)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(1) although significant progress has been
7 made in the production of geologic maps since the
8 establishment of the national cooperative geologic
9 mapping program in 1992, no modern, digital, geo-
10 logic map exists for approximately 75 percent of the
11 United States;” and

12 (2) in paragraph (2)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
14 “homeland and” after “planning for”;

15 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking “pre-
16 dicting” and inserting “identifying”;

17 (C) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and”
18 after the semicolon at the end;

19 (D) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as
20 subparagraph (K); and

21 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the
22 following:

23 “(J) recreation and public awareness;
24 and”; and

25 (3) in paragraph (9), by striking “important”
26 and inserting “available”.

1 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

2 Section 2(b) of the National Geologic Mapping Act
3 of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31a(b)) is amended by inserting “and
4 management” before the period at the end.

5 **SEC. 4. DEADLINES FOR ACTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES**
6 **GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

7 Section 4(b)(1) of the National Geologic Mapping Act
8 of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31c(b)(1)) is amended in the second
9 sentence—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “not later
11 than” and all that follows through the semicolon and
12 inserting “not later than 1 year after the date of en-
13 actment of the National Geologic Mapping Reau-
14 thorization Act of 2005;”;

15 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “not later
16 than” and all that follows through “in accordance”
17 and inserting “not later than 1 year after the date
18 of enactment of the National Geologic Mapping Re-
19 authorization Act of 2005 in accordance”; and

20 (3) in the matter preceding clause (i) of sub-
21 paragraph (C), by striking “not later than” and all
22 that follows through “submit” and inserting “submit
23 biennially”.

24 **SEC. 5. GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.**

25 Section 4(e)(2) of the National Geologic Mapping Act
26 of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31c(e)(2)) is amended—

1 after “Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
2 tection Agency or a designee,”;

3 (B) by inserting “and” after “Energy or a
4 designee,”; and

5 (C) by striking “, and the Assistant to the
6 President for Science and Technology or a des-
7 ignedee”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (3)—

9 (A) by striking “Not later than” and all
10 that follows through “consultation” and insert-
11 ing “In consultation”;

12 (B) by striking “Chief Geologist, as Chair-
13 man” and inserting “Associate Director for Ge-
14 ology, as Chair”; and

15 (C) by striking “one representative from
16 the private sector” and inserting “2 representa-
17 tives from the private sector”.

18 (b) DUTIES.—Section 5(b) of the National Geologic
19 Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31d(b)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
21 end;

22 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
23 graph (4); and

24 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(3) provide a scientific overview of geologic
2 maps (including maps of geologic-based hazards)
3 used or disseminated by Federal agencies for regula-
4 tion or land-use planning; and”.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 5(a)(1) of
6 the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C.
7 31d(a)(1)) is amended by striking “10-member” and in-
8 serting “11-member”.

9 **SEC. 8. FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL GEOLOGIC-MAP DATA-**
10 **BASE.**

11 Section 7(a) of the National Geologic Mapping Act
12 of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31f(a)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “geologic
14 map” and inserting “geologic-map”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph
16 (A) and inserting the following:

17 “(A) all maps developed with funding pro-
18 vided by the National Cooperative Geologic
19 Mapping Program, including under the Federal,
20 State, and education components;”.

21 **SEC. 9. BIENNIAL REPORT.**

22 Section 8 of the National Geologic Mapping Act of
23 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31g) is amended by striking “Not later”
24 and all that follows through “biennially” and inserting
25 “Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of

1 the National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of
2 2005 and biennially”.

3 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; ALLOCA-**
4 **TION.**

5 Section 9 of the National Geologic Mapping Act of
6 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31h) is amended—

7 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
10 priated to carry out this Act \$64,000,000 for each of fiscal
11 years 2006 through 2010.”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
14 by striking “2000” and inserting “2005”;

15 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “48” and
16 inserting “50”; and

17 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking 2 and in-
18 serting “4”.

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