

RECOGNIZING THE NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RECREATIONAL
BOATING COMMUNITY AND THE BOATING INDUSTRY TO THE CON-
TINUING PROSPERITY AND AFFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 8, 2009.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. OBERSTAR, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 410]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 410) recognizing the numerous contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the resolution be agreed to.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

House Resolution 410 recognizes the contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

Recreational boating is a central part of the tourism and recreation industry in the United States. However, as the United States continues to experience rising unemployment rates concomitant with the decline in the U.S. economy, the recreational boating industry is experiencing significant declines in new sales. Total expenditures on recreational boating-related services are also declining.

According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), the total manufacturing levels in the “recreational marine sector” have declined by at least 40 percent, and that, as of March 2009, individual boat sales had declined by nearly 30 percent year over year. According to NMMA, these conditions have resulted in a nearly 30 percent drop in total employment in the marine industry.

Similarly, there have been extensive declines in production volumes at multiple recreational boat manufacturers, which have forced firms to reduce their employment levels and even close production facilities.

Given the challenges facing the recreational boating industry, H. Res. 410 is intended to recognize the contributions the industry and the boating community have made—and will continue to make—to the U.S. economy. The resolution will also bring attention to the challenges that this industry—like so many U.S. manufacturing industries—is facing in the current economic climate.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 410 recognizes the contributions of the recreational boating industry and the boating community to the United States. This resolution also acknowledges that the 59 million individuals who boat generate more than \$33 billion for the U.S. economy, and provide jobs for 337,000 Americans. This resolution recognizes that the 1,400 active boat builders in the United States use materials and services from all 50 states.

Recreational boating activities provide opportunities for families to be together and have a beneficial effect on scholastic performance and physical fitness of those who participate.

Finally, H. Res. 410 urges the President to issue a proclamation declaring July 1, 2009, as National Boating Day.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On May 6, 2009, Representative Ron Klein introduced H. Res. 410.

On June 4, 2009, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider H. Res. 410. The Committee ordered H. Res. 410 reported favorably to the House by voice vote with a quorum present.

RECORD VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with consideration of H. Res. 410 or ordering the resolution reported. A motion to order H. Res. 410 reported favorably to the House was agreed to by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

COST OF LEGISLATION

With respect to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 410 is a resolution of the House of Representatives, and therefore does not have the force of law. As

such, there is no cost associated with this resolution for fiscal year 2009, or any fiscal year thereafter.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no comparison of the total estimated funding level for the relevant programs to the appropriate level under current law is required.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no statement of general performance and objectives for any measure that authorizes funding is required.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no cost estimate nor comparison for any measure that authorizes funding is required.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 410 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 410 is a resolution of the House of Representatives, and therefore does not have the force of law. As such, clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII does not apply.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

H. Res. 410 contains no Federal mandates.

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H. Res. 410 does not preempt any state, local or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the resolution does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (P.L. 104-1).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H. Res. 410 makes no changes in existing law.

