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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 5447 - Authorization for the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere which authorizes appropriations through fiscal year 1977 for the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere (NACOA) and to broaden the scope of the Committee's review functions. NACOA, which was established in August 1971, is composed of 25 non-Federal members appointed by the President from State and local governments, industry, science, the academic community, and other appropriate sources. It is charged with performing a continuing review of the marine and atmospheric science and service programs of the United States.

H.R. 5447 authorizes appropriations of \$445,000 for fiscal years 1976 and 1977 and an additional \$111,250 for the July 1 to September 30, 1976, transition quarter.

The bill also amends the Act to add "national ocean policy" and "coastal zone management" to the areas which NACOA is charged with reviewing.

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