



# **Ballast-water Perspectives on the Passage of the Coast Guard Authorization Act**

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# What's it all about?

- Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (S. 168)
- Coast Guard Authorization Act (S. 1129)
- Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act (S. 140)

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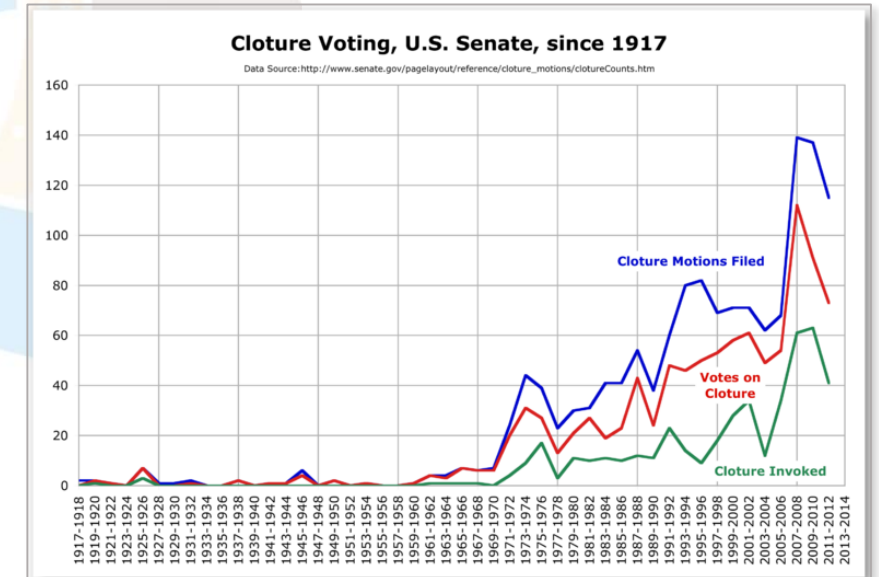
# Coast Guard Authorization Act

- Coast Guard Center of Expertise for Great Lakes oil spill preparedness and response
- New heavy Great Lakes icebreaker
- Mission priorities: search and rescue, law enforcement, aids to navigation, pollution response, and icebreaking
- VIDA



# Cloture

- Vote: 56 to 42
- All republicans, but one, plus seven “yes” Democrats
- Lost three Democratic co-sponsors
- Lost two other Democrats
- Schumer has never lost a cloture vote
- Unanimous consent



# Moral of the story

- Congress is infinitely baffling





# Committee jurisdiction

- Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Coast Guard)
- Environment and Public Works (Clean Water Act)



# Next steps

- Bipartisan interest
- Lakers installing treatment system
- Critters versus chemicals



# Questions?

