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To amend title 46, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to ensure that all cargoes procured, furnished, or financed by the Department of Transportation are transported on privately-owned commercial vessels of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2025

Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. EZELL) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

APRIL --, 2025

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

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 “American Cargo for
5 American Ships Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CARGOES PROCURED, FURNISHED, OR FINANCED**
7 **BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.**

8 Section 55305 of title 46, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “When the
11 United States Government” and inserting “Except
12 as provided in subsection (c), when the United
13 States Government”;

14 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f)
15 as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

16 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(c) EXCEPTION.—When the Department of Trans-
19 portation procures, contracts for, or otherwise obtains for
20 its own account, or provides financing in any way with
21 Federal funds or advances funds or credits, for the fur-
22 nishing or obtaining of the equipment, materials, or com-
23 modities, the Secretary of Transportation or recipient of
24 such financing shall take steps necessary and practicable
25 to ensure that 100 percent of the gross tonnage of the

1 equipment, materials, or commodities (computed sepa-
2 rately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers)
3 which may be transported on ocean vessels is transported
4 on privately-owned commercial vessels of the United
5 States, as provided under subsection (b), to the extent
6 those vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for
7 commercial vessels of the United States, in a manner that
8 will ensure a fair and reasonable participation of commer-
9 cial vessels of the United States in those cargoes by geo-
10 graphic areas.”.