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Beginning at page 8, line 20, strike “Coast Guard’s” and all that follows through the period at line 25 and insert “Coast Guard.”.

At the end of section 101 add the following:

1 (f) ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS.—The Commandant
2 of the Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on
3 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives—

4 (1) each plan required under section 2904 of
5 title 14, United States Code, as added by subsection
6 (a) of this section;

7 (2) each plan required under section 2903(e) of
8 title 14, United States Code, as added by section
9 206 of this Act;

10 (3) each plan required under section 2902 of
11 title 14, United States Code, as redesignated by sub-
12 section (d) of this section; and

13 (4) each mission need statement required under
14 section 569 of title 14, United States Code.

Page 29, line 15, after “frastructure” insert “and the Committee on Homeland Security”.

Page 50, line 4, strike “; and” and insert “, including specific actions to ensure the future availability of able and credentialed United States licensed and unlicensed seafarers including—”.

Page 50, after line 4, insert the following:

1 (A) incentives to encourage partnership
2 agreements with operators of foreign-flag ves-
3 sels that carry liquified natural gas, that pro-
4 vide no less than one training billet per vessel
5 for United States merchant mariners in order
6 to meet minimum mandatory sea service re-
7 quirements;

8 (B) development of appropriate training
9 curricula for use by public and private maritime
10 training institutions to meet all United States
11 merchant mariner license, certification, and
12 document laws and requirements under the
13 International Convention on Standards of
14 Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for
15 Seafarers, 1978; and

16 (C) steps to promote greater outreach and
17 awareness of additional job opportunities for
18 sea service veterans of the United States Armed
19 Forces; and

At the end of section 303 add the following:

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3511(c) of
2 the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act
3 for Fiscal Year 2009 (46 U.S.C. 55305 note) is repealed.

At the end of title III add the following:

4 **SEC. 3 ____ . REPEALS.**

5 (a) REPEALS, MERCHANT MARINE ACT, 1936.—Sec-
6 tions 601 through 606, 608 through 611, 613 through
7 616, 802, and 809 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46
8 U.S.C. 53101 note) are repealed.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 575 of
10 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in section 57501, by striking “titles V and
12 VI” and inserting “title V” ; and

13 (2) in section 57531(a), by striking “titles V
14 and VI” and inserting “title V”.

15 (c) TRANSFER FROM MERCHANT MARINE ACT,
16 1936.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 801 of the Merchant
18 Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. 53101 note) is—

19 (A) redesignated as section 57522 of title
20 46, United States Code, and transferred to ap-
21 pear after section 57521 of such title; and

1 (B) as so redesignated and transferred, is
2 amended—

3 (i) by striking so much as precedes
4 the first sentence and inserting the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 57522. Books and records, balance sheets, and in-
7 spection and auditing”;**

8 (ii) by striking “the provisions of title
9 VI or VII of this Act” and inserting “this
10 chapter”;

11 (iii) by striking “That the provisions”
12 and all that follows through “Commission;
13 (2)” and inserting “(1)”; and

14 (iv) by redesignating clauses (3) and
15 (4) as clauses (2) and (3), respectively.

16 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
17 chapter 575, United States Code, is amended by in-
18 serting after the item relating to section 57521 the
19 following:

“57522. Books and records, balance sheets, and inspection and auditing.”.

20 (d) REPEALS, TITLE 46, U.S.C.—Section 8103 of
21 title 46, United States Code, is amended in subsections
22 (c) and (d) by striking “an operating” each place it ap-
23 pears.

At the end of title V add the following:

1 **SEC. 5___ . CONVEYANCE OF COAST GUARD PROPERTY IN**
2 **TOK, ALASKA.**

3 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Commandant
4 of the Coast Guard may convey all right, title, and interest
5 of the United States in and to the covered property, upon
6 payment to the United States of the fair market value of
7 the covered property.

8 (b) RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.—The Tanana Chiefs'
9 Conference shall have the right of first refusal with respect
10 to purchase of the covered property under this section.

11 (c) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal descrip-
12 tion of the covered property shall be determined by a sur-
13 vey satisfactory to the Commandant.

14 (d) FAIR MARKET VALUE.—The fair market value
15 of the covered property shall be—

16 (1) determined by appraisal; and

17 (2) subject to the approval of the Commandant.

18 (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The responsibility for
19 all reasonable and necessary costs, including real estate
20 transaction and environmental documentation costs, asso-
21 ciated with a conveyance under this section shall be deter-
22 mined by the Commandant and the purchaser.

23 (f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
24 Commandant may require such additional terms and con-
25 ditions in connection with a conveyance under this section

1 as the Commandant considers appropriate and reasonable
2 to protect the interests of the United States.

3 (g) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—Any proceeds received
4 by the United States from a conveyance under this section
5 shall be deposited in the Coast Guard Housing Fund es-
6 tablished under section 687 of title 14, United States
7 Code.

8 (h) COVERED PROPERTY DEFINED.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
10 “covered property” means the approximately 3.25
11 acres of real property (including all improvements
12 located on the property) that are—

13 (A) located in Tok, Alaska;

14 (B) under the administrative control of the
15 Coast Guard; and

16 (C) described in paragraph (2).

17 (2) DESCRIPTION.—The property described in
18 this paragraph is the following:

19 (A) Lots 11, 12 and 13, block “G”, Sec-
20 ond Addition to Hartsell Subdivision, Section
21 20, Township 18 North, Range 13 East, Cop-
22 per River Meridian, Alaska as appears by Plat
23 No. 72-39 filed in the Office of the Recorder
24 for the Fairbanks Recording District of Alaska,
25 bearing seal dated 25 September 1972, all con-

1 taining approximately 1.25 Acres and com-
2 monly known as 2-PLEX – Jackie Circle, Units
3 A and B.

4 (B) Beginning at a point being the SE cor-
5 ner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 24,
6 Township 18 North, Range 12 East, Copper
7 River Meridian, Alaska; thence running west-
8 erly along the south line of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the
9 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 260 feet; thence northerly parallel to the
10 east line of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 335 feet;
11 thence easterly parallel to the south line 260
12 feet; then south 335 feet along the east bound-
13 ary of Section 24 to the point of beginning; all
14 containing approximately 2.0 acres and com-
15 monly known as 4-PLEX – West “C” and Wil-
16 low, Units A, B, C and D.

At the end of title V add the following:

17 **SEC. 5** ___ **SAFE VESSEL OPERATION IN THE GREAT LAKES.**

18 The Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Trans-
19 portation Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–281) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (1) in section 610, by—

22 (A) striking the section enumerator and
23 heading and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 610. SAFE VESSEL OPERATION IN THE GREAT**
2 **LAKES.”;**

3 (B) striking “existing boundaries and any
4 future expanded boundaries of the Thunder
5 Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Under-
6 water Preserve” and inserting “boundaries of
7 any national marine sanctuary that preserves
8 shipwrecks or maritime heritage in the Great
9 Lakes”; and

10 (C) by inserting before the period at the
11 end the following: “, unless the designation doc-
12 uments for such sanctuary do not allow taking
13 up or discharging ballast water in such sanc-
14 tuary”; and

15 (2) in the table of contents in section 2, by
16 striking the item relating to such section and insert-
17 ing the following:

“Sec. 610. Safe vessel operation in the Great Lakes.”.

At the end of title V add the following:

18 **SEC. 5___ . USE OF VESSEL SALE PROCEEDS.**

19 (a) AUDIT.—The Comptroller General of the United
20 States shall conduct an audit of funds credited in each
21 fiscal year after fiscal year 2004 to the Vessel Operations
22 Revolving Fund that are attributable to the sale of obso-
23 lete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet that

1 were scrapped or sold under sections 57102, 57103, and
2 57104 of title 46, United States Code, including—

3 (1) a complete accounting of all vessel sale pro-
4 ceeds attributable to the sale of obsolete vessels in
5 the National Defense Reserve Fleet that were
6 scrapped or sold under sections 57102, 57103 and
7 57104 of title 46, United States Code, in each fiscal
8 year after fiscal year 2004;

9 (2) the annual apportionment of proceeds ac-
10 counted for under paragraph (1) among the uses au-
11 thorized under section 308704 of title 54, United
12 States Code, in each fiscal year after fiscal year
13 2004, including—

14 (A) for National Maritime Heritage
15 Grants, including a list of all annual National
16 Maritime Heritage Grant grant and subgrant
17 awards that identifies the respective grant and
18 subgrant recipients and grant and subgrant
19 amounts;

20 (B) for the preservation and presentation
21 to the public of maritime heritage property of
22 the Maritime Administration;

23 (C) to the United States Merchant Marine
24 Academy and State maritime academies, includ-
25 ing a list of annual awards; and

1 (D) for the acquisition, repair, recondi-
2 tioning, or improvement of vessels in the Na-
3 tional Defense Reserve Fleet; and

4 (2) an accounting of proceeds, if any, attrib-
5 utable to the sale of obsolete vessels in the National
6 Defense Reserve Fleet that were scrapped or sold
7 under sections 57102, 57103, and 57104 of title 46,
8 United States Code, in each fiscal year after fiscal
9 year 2004, that were expended for uses not author-
10 ized under section 308704 of title 54, United State
11 Code.

12 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180
13 days after the date of enactment this Act, the Comptroller
14 General shall submit the audit conducted in subsection (a)
15 to the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on
16 Natural Resources, and the Committee on Transportation
17 and Infrastructure of the House and the Committee on
18 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

At the end of title V add the following:

19 **SEC. 5 __ . FISHING VESSEL AND FISH TENDER VESSEL**
20 **CERTIFICATION.**

21 Section 4503 of title 46, United States Code, is
22 amended—

23 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
24 following: “Subsection (a) does not apply to a fish-

1 ing vessel or fish tender vessel described in sub-
2 section (d)(6), if the vessel complies with an alter-
3 native safety compliance program established under
4 that subsection for such a vessel.”; and

5 (2) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(6) The Secretary shall establish an alternative safe-
8 ty compliance program for fishing vessels or fish tender
9 vessels (or both) that are at least 50 feet overall in length,
10 and not more than 79 feet overall in length, and built after
11 July 1, 2013.”.

At the end of title V add the following:

12 **SEC. 5___ . NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES COST COM-**
13 **PARISON.**

14 (a) COST COMPARISON.—The Secretary of the de-
15 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall seek
16 to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy
17 of Sciences under which the Academy, by no later than
18 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, shall
19 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
20 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
21 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
22 Senate a comparison of the costs incurred by the Federal
23 Government for each of the following alternatives:

1 (1) Transferring the *Polar Sea* to a non-govern-
2 mental entity at no cost, and leasing back the vessel
3 beginning on the date on which the Coast Guard
4 certifies that the vessel is capable of the breaking
5 out and missions described in subsection (c)(1).

6 (2) The reactivation and operation by the Coast
7 Guard of the *Polar Sea* to an operational level at
8 which the vessel is capable of such breaking out and
9 missions.

10 (3) Acquiring and operating a new icebreaker
11 through the Coast Guard's acquisition process that
12 is capable of such breaking out and missions.

13 (4) Construction by a non-Federal entity of an
14 icebreaker capable of such breaking out and mis-
15 sions, that will be leased by the Federal Government
16 and operated using a Coast Guard crew.

17 (5) Construction by a non-Federal entity of an
18 icebreaker capable of such breaking out and mis-
19 sions, that will be leased by the Federal Government
20 and operated by a crew of non-Federal employees.

21 (6) The acquisition of services from a non-Fed-
22 eral entity to perform such breaking out and mis-
23 sions.

1 (b) INCLUDED COSTS.—For purposes of subsection
2 (a), the cost of each alternative includes costs incurred by
3 the Federal Government for—

4 (1) the lease or operation and maintenance of
5 the vessel concerned;

6 (2) disposal of such vessel at the end of the
7 useful life of the vessel;

8 (3) retirement and other benefits for Federal
9 employees who operate such vessel; and

10 (4) interest payments assumed to be incurred
11 for Federal capital expenditures.

12 (c) ASSUMPTIONS.—For purposes of comparing the
13 costs of such alternatives, the Academy shall assume
14 that—

15 (1) each vessel under consideration is—

16 (A) capable of breaking out of McMurdo
17 Station, and conducting Coast Guard missions
18 in the United States territory in the Arctic (as
19 that term is defined in section 112 of the Arctic
20 Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C.
21 4111)); and

22 (B) operated for a period of 20 years;

23 (2) the acquisition of services and the operation
24 of each vessel begin on the same date; and

- 1 (3) the periods for conducting Coast Guard
- 2 missions in the Arctic are of equal lengths.

