H. R. 1220

To require the conveyance of the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF DECOMMISSIONED COAST
GUARD CUTTER STORIS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall convey, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS to the Storis Museum, a nonprofit entity of Juneau, Alaska, if the Storis Museum agrees—
(1) to use the vessel as a historic memorial and to make the Coast Guard Cutter STORIS available to the public as a museum and to work cooperatively with other museums to provide education and memorialize the maritime heritage of the vessel and other maritime activities in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, the Arctic Ocean, and adjacent oceans and seas;

(2) not to use the vessel for commercial transportation purposes;

(3) to make the vessel available to the United States Government if needed for use by the Commandant in time of war or a national emergency or based on the critical needs of the Coast Guard;

(4) to hold the Government harmless for any claims arising from exposure to hazardous materials, including asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), except for claims arising from the use of the vessel by the Government;

(5) to bear all costs of transportation and delivery of the vessel;

(6) to bear all costs of vessel disposal in accordance with Federal law when the vessel is no longer used as a museum; and

(7) to any other conditions the Commandant considers appropriate.
(b) MAINTENANCE AND DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—

(1) MAINTENANCE.—Before conveyance of the Coast Guard Cutter STORIS under this section, the Commandant shall make, to the extent practical and subject to other Coast Guard mission requirements, every effort to maintain the integrity of the vessel and its equipment until the time of delivery.

(2) TREATMENT OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance of the Coast Guard Cutter STORIS under this section shall not be considered a distribution in commerce for purposes of section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2605(e)).

(c) OTHER EXCESS EQUIPMENT.—The Commandant may convey to the recipient of the Coast Guard Cutter STORIS under this section any excess equipment or parts from other decommissioned Coast Guard vessels for use to enhance the vessel’s operability and function for purposes of a public museum and historical display.