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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
MARCH 29, 2011
Mr. Begich (for himself and Ms. Murkowski) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 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 memo-
rialize 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 trans-
portation purposes;
(3) to make the vessel available to the United
States Government if needed for use by the Com-
mandant 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 deliv-
ery of the vessel;
(6) to bear all costs of vessel disposal in accord-
ance 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)).

(e) **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.