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# S. 4630

To prioritize the finalization of design requirements for new Ready Reserve Force vessels, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2026

Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself and Mr. KELLY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. PRIORITIZATION AND BRIEFING ON READY RE-**

4 **SERVE FORCE MODERNIZATION.**

5 (a) PRIORITIZATION OF DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

6 The Secretary of the Navy and the Maritime Adminis-  
7 trator shall prioritize the finalization of design require-  
8 ments for new Ready Reserve Force vessels.

9 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of the Navy, in coordination with the Maritime Adminis-  
2 trator, shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense  
3 committees on the following:

4 (1) The status of the roll-on, roll-off vessel de-  
5 sign being developed pursuant to section 3546 of the  
6 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization  
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (46 U.S.C. 57100 note).

8 (2) The plan and timeline for establishing a  
9 vessel construction manager program for Ready Re-  
10 serve Force new construction, including—

11 (A) the anticipated procurement strategy;

12 (B) the vessel construction manager selec-  
13 tion process; and

14 (C) criteria for shipyard selection.

15 (3) The funding profile required to execute the  
16 10-ship newbuild program authorized under section  
17 2218(f) of title 10, United States Code, phased by  
18 fiscal year.

19 (4) The relationship between the newbuild pro-  
20 gram and the ongoing used vessel procurement pro-  
21 gram, including how those programs will be man-  
22 aged in parallel to maintain Ready Reserve Force  
23 readiness during the transition period.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—

2           The term “congressional defense committees” has  
3           the meaning given that term in section 101(a) of  
4           title 10, United States Code.

5           (2) READY RESERVE FORCE.—The term

6           “Ready Reserve Force” has the meaning given that  
7           term in chapter 571 of title 46, United States Code.

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