6851 of title 12 of the Maine Revised Statutes prior to December 31, 2004; and
(2) the vessel is owned by an individual or entity meeting the citizenship requirements
necessary to document a vessel under section 12106 of title 46, United States Code.
On page 19, line 18, insert “(a) IN G E N E R A L.— before “The”.
On page 20, after line 25, insert the following:
(b) INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF REVISED DEEP WATER PLAN.—Within 180 days after the
date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast Guard may execute a
contract with an independent entity—
(1) to conduct an analysis of the Coast Guard’s Deep Water Plan; and
(2) to assess whether—
(A) the mix of assets and capabilities selected as part of that plan will meet the Coast Guard’s criteria of—
(i) performance; and
(ii) minimalizing total ownership costs; or
(B) additional or different assets should be considered as part of the plan.
On page 22, strike lines 13 through 18, and insert the following:
‘‘(c) Vessel transfer
(1) prior to conveyance of the vessel to a recipient, the Coast Guard shall convey all right, title, and interest
in the vessel, except for claims arising from chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), after conveyance of the vessel, except for claims arising
from the use by the Government under subparagraph (C);
(2) to hold the Government harmless for any claims arising from exposure to hazardous materials, including asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), after conveyance of the vessel, except for claims arising
from the use by the Government under subparagraph (C); and
(3) the recipient agrees to any other conditions the Commandant considers appropriate.
(b) MAINTENANCE AND DELIVERY OF VES-
SEL.—Prior to conveyance of the vessel under this section, the Commandant shall, to
the extent practical, and subject to other
Coast Guard mission requirements, make every effort to maintain the integrity of the vessel and its equipment until the time of delivery.
If a conveyance is made under this section, the Commandant shall deliver the vessel to a suitable mooring in the local area, in
its present condition, on or about June 10, 2006, and no later than June 30, 2006.
The conveyance of the vessel under this section shall not be considered a distribution in commerce for purposes of section 6(e) of Pub-
law 94-468 (15 U.S.C. 2003(o)).
(c) OTHER EXCESS EQUIPMENT.—The Com-
mandant may convey to the recipient any excess equipment or parts from other decom-
missioned Coast Guard vessels for use to en-
hance the vessel’s operability and function for purposes of a museum.
The amendment (No. 2344) was agreed to.

The amendment is printed in today’s RECORD under “Text of Amendments.”
Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-
merce Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 899 and the Senate proceed to its im-
mediate consideration.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.
The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:
A bill (H.R. 899) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.
There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.
Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1280, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the Senate insist upon its amendment, and the Chairman be authorized to appoin"
Mr. MCCONNELL. Today, the Senate completed action on the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill, a splendid job by Senator SPECTER and Senator HARKIN in moving the bill along. That is the fastest I can recall that measure clearing the Senate, certainly in recent years.

As the majority leader announced earlier today, we will be in session tomorrow, but there will not be any votes. We will not have any votes during Monday’s session. So Senators should expect a busy week as we consider the deficit reduction omnibus reconciliation bill.

In that regard, I ask unanimous consent that at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 31, the Senate proceed to S. 1932, the 2005 deficit reduction bill, and it be considered under the following statutory time agreement, with time divided as follows: The first hour on Monday under the control of the chairman of the Budget Committee; provided further that the Senate then resume the bill on Tuesday, November 1, at 9 a.m., with the time until 8 divided between the chairman and ranking member, with 4½ hours under the control of the chairman and 5½ hours under the control of the ranking member; provided further that the Senate recess from 12:30 to 2 for the weekly policy luncheons; provided that any votes ordered on Tuesday be postponed to occur at a time determined by the leader after consultation with the Democratic leader.

I further ask consent that the Senate then resume the bill on Wednesday, November 2, with the time from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. equally divided between the chairman and ranking member; provided further that at 6 p.m. on Wednesday all time be considered expired.

Before the Chair rules, it is my understanding that Senators GREGG and CONRAD have agreed that we will have 1 hour of debate on Monday. We will then resume the deficit reduction measure on Tuesday, with debate until 8. Any votes ordered on Tuesday would be stacked to occur at a later time. We would then resume the bill on Wednesday, with all time expired at 6 p.m.

The Budget Act allows for amendments to be offered and voted on beyond the statutory time limit, the so-called vote-arama that we look forward to every year. I would hope that we would not have a vote-arama, but understanding that Members will offer amendments after the expiration of time, we would begin those sequenced votes on Thursday.

We will proceed until complete, and we all hope that will be a short time thereafter.

In any event, we would stop in the late afternoon on Thursday and resume on Friday if, and only if, that becomes necessary.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. I believe that completes the business of the Senate. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:20 p.m., adjourned until Friday, October 28, 2005, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate October 27, 2005:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general
MAJ. GEN. PETER W. CHIARELLI

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate: Thursday, October 27, 2005:

THE JUDICIARY

SUSAN BEEKER NIELSON, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT.
JOHN RICHARD SMOAK, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.