

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1343

To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 1997

Mr. BATEMAN (for himself and Mr. ABERCROMBIE) (both by request), introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Maritime Administra-
5 tion Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL**
7 **YEARS 1998 AND 1999.**

8 Funds are authorized to be appropriated, without fis-
9 cal year limitation, as appropriations Acts may provide,

1 for the use of the Department of Transportation, as fol-
2 lows:

3 (1) For the fiscal year ending September 30,
4 1998—

5 (A) for expenses necessary for operations
6 and training activities, not to exceed
7 \$70,000,000; and

8 (B) for the costs, as defined in section 502
9 of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of
10 guaranteed loans authorized by title XI of the
11 Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C.
12 1271 et seq.), \$35,000,000, and in addition for
13 administrative expenses related to loan guaran-
14 tee commitments under that title, \$4,000,000.

15 (2) For the fiscal year ending September 30,
16 1999, such sums as may be necessary.

17 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF REPORT ON RELATIVE COST OF**
18 **SHIPBUILDING IN THE VARIOUS COASTAL**
19 **DISTRICTS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

20 Section 213 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46
21 App. U.S.C. 1123(c)) is amended by—

22 (1) striking the semicolon at the end of sub-
23 section (a) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”;

- 1 (2) striking the semicolon at the end of sub-
- 2 section (b) and inserting in lieu thereof a period;
- 3 and
- 4 (3) striking subsection (c).

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