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# H. R. 1508

To prohibit entry of the Russian vessel KAPITAN MAN into any port in the United States at which there is a United States naval presence.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 1999

Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds the following:

5               (1) United States intelligence reports indicate  
6       that vessels of the Far East Shipping Company (a  
7       corporation having its principal place of business in  
8       Vladivostok, Russia) actively support the Russian  
9       military.

1           (2) The Russian merchant vessel KAPITAN  
2           MAN (Russian registry number 840 6690) is a ves-  
3           sel in the Far East Shipping Company fleet.

4           (3) During a joint boarding by the United  
5           States Customs Service and the Immigration and  
6           Naturalization Service in April 1993, the KAPITAN  
7           MAN was discovered to have on board devices  
8           known as Expendable Bathythermographs. The de-  
9           vices were T7 models, which are manufactured only  
10          for United States military use. The sole purpose of  
11          the devices is improved sonar prediction in antisub-  
12          marine warfare and other military applications.

13          (4) In April 1994, during an inspection of the  
14          KAPITAN MAN by the United States Customs  
15          Service and the Immigration and Naturalization  
16          Service, sonabuys were discovered in an obscure  
17          compartment that had been sprayed with dog repel-  
18          lent. Such devices are used in the detection of sub-  
19          marines.

20          (5) On April 4, 1997, the KAPITAN MAN was  
21          in Puget Sound near Seattle, Washington, when it  
22          was photographed from a Canadian military heli-  
23          copter on a routine surveillance mission.

24          (6) United States Navy intelligence officer  
25          Lieutenant Jack Daly was on board the helicopter

1 during that mission. Upon returning from the mis-  
2 sion, Lieutenant Daly and the Canadian pilot, Cap-  
3 tain Patrick Barnes, reported injuries that, upon  
4 evaluation, were consistent with injuries caused by a  
5 laser.

6 (7) Lieutenant Daly and Captain Barnes con-  
7 tinue to suffer severe physical effects from the  
8 KAPITAN MAN laser incident.

9 (8) The KAPITAN MAN is suspected by the  
10 United States intelligence community of conducting  
11 surveillance against United States ballistic missile  
12 submarines and aircraft carrier battle groups.

13 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ENTRY OF KAPITAN MAN INTO**  
14 **CERTAIN UNITED STATES PORTS.**

15 Notwithstanding any other law, the vessel KAPITAN  
16 MAN shall be denied entry to any port in the United  
17 States at which there is a United States naval presence.

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