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To authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. GEJDENSON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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countries.

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. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER NAVAL VESSELS TO**
4 **CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

5 (a) BRAZIL.—The Secretary of the Navy is author-
6 ized to transfer to the Government of Brazil the
7 “THOMASTON” class dock landing ships ALAMO (LSD
8 33) and HERMITAGE (LSD 34), and the “GARCIA”
9 class frigates BRADLEY (FF 1041), DAVIDSON (FF
10 1045), SAMPLE (FF 1048), and ALBERT DAVID (FF
11 1050). Such transfers shall be on a grant basis under sec-

tion 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

(b) DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of the Dominican Republic the medium auxiliary floating dry dock AFDM 2. Such transfer shall be on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

(c) ECUADOR.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Ecuador the “OAK RIDGE” class medium auxiliary repair dry dock ALAMOGORDO (ARDM 2). Such transfer shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

(d) EGYPT.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Egypt the “NEWPORT” class tank landing ships BARBOUR COUNTY (LST 1195) and PEORIA (LST 1183). Such transfers shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

(e) GREECE.—(1) The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Greece the “KNOX” class frigate CONNOLE (FF 1056). Such transfer shall be on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

1 (2) The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to trans-
2 fer to the Government of Greece the medium auxiliary
3 floating dry dock COMPETENT (AFDM 6). Such trans-
4 fer shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the Arms
5 Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

6 (f) MEXICO.—The Secretary of the Navy is author-
7 ized to transfer to the Government of Mexico the “NEW-
8 PORT” class tank landing ship NEWPORT (LST 1179)
9 and the “KNOX” class frigate WHIPPLE (FF 1062).
10 Such transfers shall be on a sales basis under section 21
11 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

12 (g) POLAND.—The Secretary of the Navy is author-
13 ized to transfer to the Government of Poland the “OLI-
14 VER HAZARD PERRY” class guided missile frigate
15 CLARK (FFG 11). Such transfer shall be on a grant basis
16 under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
17 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

18 (h) TAIWAN.—The Secretary of the Navy is author-
19 ized to transfer to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Rep-
20 resentative Office in the United States (which is the Tai-
21 wan instrumentality designated pursuant to section 10(a)
22 of the Taiwan Relations Act) the “NEWPORT” class
23 tank landing ship SCHENECTADY (LST 1185). Such
24 transfer shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the
25 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

1 (i) THAILAND.—The Secretary of the Navy is author-
2 ized to transfer to the Government of Thailand the
3 “KNOX” class frigate TRUETT (FF 1095). Such trans-
4 fer shall be on a grant basis under section 516 of the For-
5 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

6 (j) TURKEY.—The Secretary of the Navy is author-
7 ized to transfer to the Government of Turkey the “OLI-
8 VER HAZARD PERRY” class guided missile frigates
9 FLATLEY (FFG 21) and JOHN A. MOORE (FFG 19).
10 Such transfers shall be on a sales basis under section 21
11 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

12 **SEC. 2. INAPPLICABILITY OF AGGREGATE ANNUAL LIMITA-**
13 **TION ON VALUE OF TRANSFERRED EXCESS**
14 **DEFENSE ARTICLES.**

15 The value of a vessel transferred to another country
16 on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assist-
17 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j) pursuant to authority
18 provided by section 1 of this Act shall not be counted for
19 the purposes of section 516(g) of the Foreign Assistance
20 Act of 1961 in the aggregate value of excess defense arti-
21 cles transferred to countries under that section in any fis-
22 cal year.

1 **SEC. 3. COSTS OF TRANSFERS.**

2 Any expense incurred by the United States in connec-
3 tion with a transfer of a vessel authorized by section 1
4 of this Act shall be charged to the recipient.

5 **SEC. 4. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.**

6 The authority to transfer vessels under section 1 of
7 this Act shall expire at the end of the 2-year period begin-
8 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 5. REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT OF VESSELS IN**
10 **UNITED STATES SHIPYARDS.**

11 The Secretary of the Navy shall require, to the max-
12 imum extent possible, as a condition of a transfer of a
13 vessel under this Act, that the country to which the vessel
14 is transferred have such repair or refurbishment of the
15 vessel as is needed, before the vessel joins the naval forces
16 of that country, performed at a shipyard located in the
17 United States, including a United States Navy shipyard.

18 **SEC. 6. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO TRANSFER OF**
19 **NAVAL VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT TO THE GOV-**
20 **ERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

21 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-
22 gress that—

23 (1) the President should transfer to the Govern-
24 ment of the Philippines, on a grant basis under sec-
25 tion 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22

1 U.S.C. 2321j), the excess defense articles described
2 in subsection (b); and

3 (2) the United States should not oppose the
4 transfer of F-5 aircraft by a third country to the
5 Government of the Philippines.

6 (b) EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The excess de-
7 fense articles described in this subsection are the fol-
8 lowing:

9 (1) UH-1 helicopters, A-4 aircraft, and the
10 “POINT” class Coast Guard cutter POINT
11 EVANS.

12 (2) Amphibious landing craft, naval patrol ves-
13 sels (including patrol vessels of the Coast Guard),
14 and other naval vessels (such as frigates), if such
15 vessels are available.

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