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H. R. 2585

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to convey a National Defense Reserve Fleet vessel to the Glacier Society, Inc., of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAYS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. AUTHORITY TO CONVEY NATIONAL DEFENSE**
4 **RESERVE FLEET VESSEL, GLACIER.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.**—Notwithstanding any
6 other law, the Secretary of Transportation (in this section
7 referred to as “the Secretary”) may, subject to subsection
8 (b), convey all right, title, and interest of the United
9 States Government in and to the vessel in the National
10 Defense Reserve Fleet that was formerly the U.S.S. GLA-

1 CIER (United States official number AGB-4) to the Gla-
2 cier Society, Inc., a corporation established under the laws
3 of the State of Connecticut that is located in Bridgeport,
4 Connecticut (in this section referred to as the “recipient”).

5 (b) TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.—

6 (1) REQUIRED CONDITIONS.—The Secretary
7 may not convey a vessel under this section unless
8 the recipient—

9 (A) agrees to use the vessel for the pur-
10 pose of a monument to the accomplishments of
11 members of the Armed Forces of the United
12 States, civilians, scientists, and diplomats in ex-
13 ploration of the Arctic and the Antarctic;

14 (B) agrees that the vessel will not be used
15 for commercial purposes;

16 (C) agrees to make the vessel available to
17 the Government if the Secretary requires use of
18 the vessel by the Government for war or na-
19 tional emergency;

20 (D) agrees to hold the Government harm-
21 less for any claims arising from exposure to as-
22 bestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, or lead paint
23 after the conveyance of the vessel, except for
24 claims arising from use of the vessel by the

1 Government pursuant to the agreement under
2 subparagraph (C); and

3 (E) provides sufficient evidence to the Sec-
4 retary that it has available for use to restore
5 the vessel, in the form of cash, liquid assets, or
6 a written loan commitment, financial resources
7 of at least \$100,000.

8 (2) DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—If the Secretary
9 conveys the vessel under this section, the Secretary
10 shall deliver the vessel—

11 (A) at the place where the vessel is located
12 on the date of conveyance;

13 (B) in its condition on that date; and

14 (C) at no cost to the United States Gov-
15 ernment.

16 (3) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—The Secretary may
17 require such additional terms in connection with the
18 conveyance authorized by this section as the Sec-
19 retary considers appropriate.

20 (c) OTHER UNNEEDED EQUIPMENT.—If the Sec-
21 retary conveys the vessel under this section, the Secretary
22 may also convey to the recipient any unneeded equipment
23 from other vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet
24 or Government storage facilities for use to restore the ves-

1 sel to museum quality or to its original configuration (or
2 both).

3 (d) RETENTION OF VESSEL IN NDRF.—The Sec-
4 retary shall retain in the National Defense Reserve Fleet
5 the vessel authorized to be conveyed under this section
6 until the earlier of—

7 (1) 2 years after the date of the enactment of
8 this Act; or

9 (2) the date of the conveyance of the vessel
10 under this section.

11 (e) EXEMPTION FROM PASSENGER SHIP INSPECTION
12 REQUIREMENTS.—Section 3302(l)(1) of title 46, United
13 States Code, shall apply with respect to the vessel upon
14 conveyance of the vessel under this section.

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