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H. R. 4247

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2000

Mr. BATEMAN (for himself and Mr. UNDERWOOD) (both by request) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Maritime Administra-
5 tion Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL**
7 **YEAR 2001.**

8 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated, as
9 appropriations Acts may provide, for the use of the De-

1 partment of Transportation for the Maritime Administra-
 2 tion as follows:

3 (1) For expenses necessary for operations and
 4 training activities, not to exceed \$80,240,000 for the
 5 fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

6 (2) For the costs, as defined in section 502 of
 7 the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of guaran-
 8 teed loans authorized by title XI of the Merchant
 9 Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C. 1271 et seq.),
 10 \$2,000,000, to be available until expended. In addi-
 11 tion, for administrative expenses related to loan
 12 guarantee commitments under title XI of the Mer-
 13 chant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C. 1271 et
 14 seq.), \$4,179,000.

15 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE IX OF THE MERCHANT MA-**
 16 **RINE ACT, 1936.**

17 (a) Title IX of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46
 18 App. U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by adding after sec-
 19 tion 902 the following:

20 **“SEC. 903. DOCUMENTATION OF CERTAIN DRY CARGO VES-**
 21 **SELS.**

22 “The restrictions of section 901(b)(1) of this Act con-
 23 cerning a vessel built in a foreign country shall not apply
 24 to a drybulk or breakbulk vessel over 7,500 deadweight
 25 tons that has been delivered from a foreign shipyard or

1 contracted for construction in a foreign shipyard within
2 either 1 year of the date of enactment of this section, or,
3 no later than the effective date of the OECD Shipbuilding
4 Trade Agreement Act, whichever occurs earlier. A vessel
5 timely contracted for or delivered pursuant to this section
6 and documented under the laws of the United States shall
7 be deemed to have been United States built for purposes
8 of sections 901(b) and 901b of this Act: *Provided*, That
9 (1) following delivery by a foreign shipyard, the vessel
10 shall have any additional shipyard work necessary to re-
11 ceive a Coast Guard certificate of inspection performed in
12 a United States shipyard; (2) the vessel is not documented
13 in another country before being documented under the
14 laws of the United States; (3) the vessel complies with the
15 same inspection standards set forth for ocean common
16 carriers in section 1137 of the Coast Guard Authorization
17 Act of 1996 (46 App. U.S.C. 1187 note); (4) actual deliv-
18 ery of a vessel contracted for construction takes place on
19 or before the 3-year anniversary of the date of the contract
20 to construct the vessel; and (5) the provisions of section
21 9(e) of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended on October
22 19, 1996, shall not apply to a vessel built pursuant to this
23 section.”.

24 (b) Section 901b(c)(2) of the Merchant Marine Act,
25 1936 (46 U.S.C. App. 1241f(c)(2)) is amended by striking

1 “1986.” and inserting “1986, the 18-month period com-
2 mencing April 1, 2000, and the 12-month period begin-
3 ning on the first day of October in the year 2001 and
4 each year thereafter.”.

5 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENT RELATING TO DISPOSAL OF OBSO-**
6 **LETE VESSELS FROM THE NATIONAL DE-**
7 **FENSE RESERVE FLEET.**

8 Section 6(c)(1)(A) of the National Maritime Heritage
9 Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–451; 108 Stat. 4776; 16
10 U.S.C. 5405) is amended by striking out “2001” and in-
11 serting in lieu thereof “2006”.

