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110TH CONGRESS
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To provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7, 2007

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. HAGEL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 31, 2007

Reported by Mr. BIDEN, without amendment

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 “Naval Vessel Transfer
5 Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS TO CERTAIN FOR-**
2 **EIGN RECIPIENTS.**

3 (a) TRANSFERS BY GRANT.—The President is au-
4 thorized to transfer vessels to foreign recipients on a grant
5 basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of
6 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j), as follows:

7 (1) TURKEY.—To the Government of Turkey—

8 (A) the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class
9 guided missile frigates GEORGE PHILIP
10 (FFG-12) and SIDES (FFG-14); and

11 (B) the OSPREY class minehunter coastal
12 ship BLACKHAWK (MHC-58).

13 (2) LITHUANIA.—To the Government of Lith-
14 uania, the OSPREY class minehunter coastal ships
15 CORMORANT (MHC-57) and KINGFISHER
16 (MHC-56).

17 (b) TRANSFERS BY SALE.—The President is author-
18 ized to transfer vessels to foreign recipients on a sale basis
19 under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22
20 U.S.C. 2761), as follows:

21 (1) TAIWAN.—To the Taipei Economic and
22 Cultural Representative Office of the United States
23 (which is the Taiwan instrumentality designated
24 pursuant to section 10(a) of the Taiwan Relations
25 Act (22 U.S.C. 3309(a))), the OSPREY class

1 minehunter coastal ships ORIOLE (MHC-55) and
2 FALCON (MHC-59).

3 (2) TURKEY.—To the Government of Turkey,
4 the OSPREY class minehunter coastal ship
5 SHRIKE (MHC-62).

6 (c) GRANTS NOT COUNTED IN ANNUAL TOTAL OF
7 TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The value
8 of a vessel transferred to a recipient on a grant basis pur-
9 suant to authority provided by subsection (a) or (c) shall
10 not be counted against the aggregate value of excess de-
11 fense articles transferred in any fiscal year under section
12 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

13 (d) COSTS OF TRANSFERS.—Any expense incurred by
14 the United States in connection with a transfer authorized
15 by this section shall be charged to the recipient.

16 (e) REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED
17 STATES SHIPYARDS.—To the maximum extent prac-
18 ticable, the President shall require, as a condition of the
19 transfer of a vessel under this section, that the recipient
20 to which the vessel is transferred have such repair or re-
21 furbishment of the vessel as is needed before the vessel
22 joins the naval forces of the recipient performed at a ship-
23 yard located in the United States, including a United
24 States Navy shipyard.

1 (f) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to
2 transfer a vessel under this section shall expire at the end
3 of the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act.

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