

## Calendar No. 292

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1565

[Report No. 110-139]

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

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## 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

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# A BILL

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

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 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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