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1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1747

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation

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## AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for the design, acquisition, and  
construction of a combined buoy tender-icebreaker to  
replace icebreaking capacity on the Great Lakes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Ice-  
3 breaker Replacement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5       Congress finds that—

6           (1) five of the Coast Guard’s Great Lakes ice-  
7 breakers are nearing the end of their useful lives;

8           (2) two other Coast Guard icebreaking assets  
9 have experienced difficulty in heavy ice conditions;

10          (3) during the spring of 2008, United States-  
11 flag vessels operating on the Great Lakes suffered  
12 more than \$1,300,000 in damages to their hulls be-  
13 cause the Coast Guard did not have enough assets  
14 available to keep Great Lakes shipping lanes open;

15          (4) during the 2006–2007 ice season, ship-  
16 ments of iron ore, coal, and limestone on the Great  
17 Lakes exceeded 20,000,000 tons;

18          (5) during the 2006–2007 ice season, the trans-  
19 portation of 10,400,000 tons of iron ore on the  
20 Great Lakes helped support 100,000 jobs at steel  
21 mills and 300,000 jobs at supplier industries by  
22 keeping those industries working during the winter  
23 season; and

24          (6) the 6,400,000 tons of coal shipped on the  
25 Great Lakes during the 2006–2007 ice season kept  
26 the Great Lakes region supplied with electricity.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There is authorized to be appropriated \$153,000,000  
3 for necessary expenses of the Coast Guard for the design,  
4 acquisition, and construction of a combined buoy tender-  
5 icebreaker to replace icebreaking capacity on the Great  
6 Lakes, to remain available until expended.

Passed the House of Representatives April 27, 2009.

Attest:                   LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*