

The *Empress* was constructed in 1925 in the United States. It is 75 feet in length, 16 feet in width, 5.5 feet in depth, and is self-propelled. The vessel was owned by the United States until 1960. The vessel has been used as a corporate business vessel, private residence, and charter vessel. It has also been used by nonprofit groups such as the Special Olympics, March of Dimes, and the Ronald McDonald House.

The current owner obtained the boat from his father. The owner has all ownership records except for the years 1960 to 1965, when the vessel was being used by the Boy Scouts of America.

The owner of the vessel is seeking a waiver of the existing law so that the vessel can be used as a charter vessel.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 527

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding section 12106, 12107, and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 883), as applicable on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel EMPRESS (United States official number 975018).

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 528. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for three vessels; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION LEGISLATION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation which seeks to temporarily authorize the operation of three vessels in the coastwise trade. Ordinarily, I do not support any legislative relief from section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 to allow operation of vessels not constructed in the United States. In this particular instance, however, temporary relief from the Merchant Marine Act will increase jobs in the shipbuilding industry, support the addition of maritime jobs and expand the maritime transportation base.

I want to point out that the bill I am introducing today protects the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act by stipulating that these three vessels are authorized to operate in the coastwise trade if, and only if, three criteria are met. These criteria are:

The owner of these vessels must execute a binding contract for construction of replacement vessels within 9 months of enactment of this provision;

All necessary repairs required to operate these vessels in the coastwise trade must be performed in shipyards in the United States; and

Each of these vessels must be manned by U.S. citizens.

If this legislation is adopted, jobs in the U.S. maritime industry will be increased and new opportunities for maritime passenger transportation in high demand areas will be created. Without this authorization, these opportunities—including the addition of over 100 new shipyard jobs—will not occur.

I appreciate the attention of my colleagues and yield the floor.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 528

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. COASTWISE TRADE AUTHORIZATION FOR HOVERCRAFT.

Notwithstanding section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 883), the Act of June 19, 1886 (46 U.S.C. App. 289), and sections 12106 and 12107 of title 46, United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement for each of the vessels IDUN VIKING (Danish Registration number A433), LIV VIKING (Danish Registration number A394), and FREJA VIKING (Danish Registration number A395) if—

(1) all repair and alteration work on the vessels necessary to their operation under this section is performed in the United States;

(2) a binding contract for the construction in the United States of at least 3 similar vessels for the coastwise trade is executed by the owner of the vessels within 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(3) the vessels constructed under the contract entered into under paragraph (1) are to be delivered within 3 years after the date of entering into that contract.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 4

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority.

S. 50

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 50, a bill to repeal the increase in tax on social security benefits.

S. 88

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 88, a bill to increase the overall economy and efficiency of Government operations and enable more efficient use of Federal funding, by enabling local governments and private, nonprofit organizations to use amounts available under certain Federal assistance programs in accordance with approved local flexibility plans.

S. 90

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. PACKWOOD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 90, a bill to amend the Job Training

Partnership Act to improve the employment and training assistance programs for dislocated workers, and for other purposes.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to provide appropriate protection for the constitutional guarantee of private property rights, and for other purposes.

S. 191

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] were added as cosponsors of S. 191, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to ensure that constitutionally protected private property rights are not infringed until adequate protection is afforded by reauthorization of the Act, to protect against economic losses from critical habitat designation, and for other purposes.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to establish a filing deadline and to provide certain safeguards to ensure that the interests of investors are well protected under the implied private action provisions of the Act.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAUX] was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to establish a system of licensing, reporting, and regulation for vessels of the United States fishing on the high seas, and for other purposes.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide clarification for the deductibility of expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the business use of the home.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to provide for a review by the Congress of rules promulgated by agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 351, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the credit for increasing research activities.

S. 478

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], and the Senator from

Washington [Mr. GORTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 478, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the taxable sale or use, without penalty, of dyed diesel fuel with respect to recreational boaters.

S. 497

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the protection of civil liberties, and for other purposes.

S. 503

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 503, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to impose a moratorium on the listing of species as endangered or threatened and the designation of critical habitat in order to ensure that constitutionally protected private property rights are not infringed, and for other purposes.

S. 508

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. JOHNSTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 508, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to the treatment of forestry activities.

S. 510

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 510, a bill to extend the authorization for certain programs under the Native American Programs Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 331

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES], and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] were added as cosponsors of Amendment No. 331 proposed to H.R. 889, a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HELMS his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 331 proposed to H.R. 889, supra.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Energy Production and Regulation.

The hearing will take place Tuesday, March 21, 1995, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 92, a bill to provide for the reconstitution of outstanding repayment obligations of the ad-

ministrators of the Bonneville Power Administration for the appropriated capital investments in the Federal Columbia River Power System.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please call Howard Useem or Judy Brown at (202) 224-6567.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m., in SR-332, to discuss "Farm Programs: Are Americans Getting What They Pay For?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 1995, in open session, to receive testimony on the defense authorization request for fiscal year 1996 and the future years defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 1995, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the Mexican peso.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 1995, for purposes of conducting a full committee business meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the nomination of Wilma Lewis to be Inspector General of the Department of the Interior.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be permitted to meet Thursday, March 9, 1995, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on welfare reform.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commit-

tee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 1995, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on "Implementation and Costs of U.S. Policy in Haiti."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 1995, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing on the "Overview of South Asian Proliferation Issues."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, March 9, for a markup at 9:30 a.m. on S. 219, Regulatory Transition Act of 1995.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 1995, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on "S. 227, the Performance Rights in Sound Recordings Act of 1995."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a hearing on the nomination of Dennis M. Duffy to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and on the budget for veterans programs for fiscal year 1996. The hearing will be held on March 9, 1995, at 10 a.m., in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Aviation Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on March 9, 1995, at 2:30 p.m. on the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ODDS AGAINST CONTROLLING GAMBLING FEVER IN ILLINOIS

• Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, recently, the Bloomington Pantagraph had an