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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require an annual report on the vessel disposal program of the Maritime Administration, and for other purposes.

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To amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. WICKER to the amendment (No. _____) proposed by _____

Viz:

- 1 At the end of title III, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. ____ . VESSEL DISPOSAL PROGRAM.**
- 3 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than January 1 of
- 4 each year, the Administrator of the Maritime Administra-
- 5 tion shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
- 6 and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
- 7 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
- 8 resentatives a report on the management of the vessel dis-
- 9 posal program of the Maritime Administration.

1 (b) CONTENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
2 shall include—

3 (1) the total amount of funds credited in the
4 prior fiscal year to—

5 (A) the Vessel Operations Revolving Fund
6 established by section 50301(a) of title 46,
7 United States Code; and

8 (B) any other account attributable to the
9 vessel disposal program of the Maritime Admin-
10 istration;

11 (2) the balance of funds available at the end of
12 that fiscal year in—

13 (A) the Vessel Operations Revolving Fund;
14 and

15 (B) any other account described in para-
16 graph (1)(B);

17 (3) in consultation with the Secretary of the In-
18 terior, the total number of—

19 (A) grant applications under the National
20 Maritime Heritage Grants Program in the prior
21 fiscal year; and

22 (B) the applications under subparagraph
23 (A) that were approved by the Secretary of the
24 Interior, acting through the National Maritime
25 Initiative of the National Park Service;

1 (4) a detailed description of each project funded
2 under the National Maritime Heritage Grants Pro-
3 gram in the prior fiscal year for which funds from
4 the Vessel Operations Revolving Funds were obli-
5 gated, including the information described in para-
6 graphs (1) through (3) of section 308703(j) of title
7 54, United States Code; and

8 (5) a detailed description of the funds credited
9 to and distributions from the Vessel Operations Re-
10 volving Funds in the prior fiscal year.

11 (c) ASSESSMENTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, and biennially
14 thereafter, the Administrator shall assess the vessel
15 disposal program of the Maritime Administration.

16 (2) CONTENTS.—Each assessment under para-
17 graph (1) shall include—

18 (A) an inventory of each vessel, subject to
19 a disposal agreement, for which the Maritime
20 Administration acts as the disposal agent, in-
21 cluding—

22 (i) the age of the vessel; and

23 (ii) the name of the Federal agency
24 with which the Maritime Administration
25 has entered into a disposal agreement;

1 (B) a description of each vessel of a Fed-
2 eral agency that may meet the criteria for the
3 Maritime Administration to act as the disposal
4 agent, including—

5 (i) the age of the vessel; and

6 (ii) the name of the applicable Federal
7 agency;

8 (C) the Maritime Administration's plan to
9 serve as the disposal agent, as appropriate, for
10 the vessels described in subparagraph (B); and

11 (D) any other information related to the
12 vessel disposal program that the Administrator
13 determines appropriate.

14 (d) CESSATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—This section
15 ceases to be effective on the date that is 5 years after
16 the date of enactment of this Act.