

SCHATZ-1 (MODIFIED)

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require an audit of the criteria used for determinations related to the commercial viability of any maritime security program vessel that operates in competition with a domestic trade vessel documented under the laws of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1096

A bill 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

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHATZ

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. ____ . DETERMINATIONS ON THE VIABILITY OF VES-**
- 3 **SELS.**
- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
- 5 date of enactment of this Act, the Inspector General for
- 6 the Department of Transportation shall audit the criteria
- 7 used by the Secretary of Transportation for determina-
- 8 tions of the commercial viability of any Maritime Security
- 9 Program vessel that operates in competition with a domes-

1 tic trade vessel documented under the laws of the United
2 States.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—The audit referred to in subsection
4 (a) shall include a review of the criteria used to make a
5 finding of commercial viability for compliance with section
6 53102(b)(4)(B) of title 46, United States Code, for all ves-
7 sels with operating agreements beginning the period of
8 September 30, 2016.