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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10 (legislative day, MARCH 6), 1995

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MACK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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Reported, under authority of the order of the Senate of April 6 (legislative day, April 5), 1995, by Mr. PRESSLER, without amendment

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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. VESSEL DOCUMENTATION.**

2 (a) **AUTHORITY TO DOCUMENT VESSELS.**—

3 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding section 27  
4 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C.  
5 883), section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 (24  
6 Stat. 81, chapter 421; 46 App. U.S.C. 289), and  
7 section 12106 of title 46, United States Code, and  
8 subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of Transpor-  
9 tation may issue a certificate of documentation with  
10 an appropriate endorsement for employment in  
11 coastwise trade for each of the following vessels:

12 (A) **GALLANT LADY** (Feadship hull  
13 number 645, approximately 130 feet in length).

14 (B) **GALLANT LADY** (Feadship hull  
15 number 651, approximately 172 feet in length).

16 (2) **LIMITATION ON OPERATION.**—Coastwise  
17 trade authorized under a certificate of documenta-  
18 tion issued for a vessel under this section shall be  
19 limited to the carriage of passengers in association  
20 with contributions to charitable organizations no  
21 portion of which is received, directly or indirectly, by  
22 the owner of the vessel.

23 (3) **CONDITION.**—The Secretary may not issue  
24 a certificate of documentation for a vessel under  
25 paragraph (1) unless, not later than 90 days after  
26 the date of enactment of this Act, the owner of the

1 vessel referred to in paragraph (1)(B) submits to the  
2 Secretary a letter expressing the intent of the owner  
3 to, before April 1, 1997, enter into a contract for  
4 the construction in the United States of a passenger  
5 vessel of at least 130 feet in length.

6 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTIFICATES.—A  
7 certificate of documentation issued under paragraph  
8 (1) shall take effect—

9 (A) for the vessel referred to in paragraph  
10 (1)(A), on the date of the issuance of the cer-  
11 tificate; and

12 (B) for the vessel referred to in paragraph  
13 (1)(B), on the date of delivery of the vessel to  
14 the owner.

15 (b) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTIFI-  
16 CATES.—A certificate of documentation issued for a vessel  
17 under subsection (a)(1) shall expire—

18 (1) on the date of the sale of the vessel by the  
19 owner;

20 (2) on April 1, 1997, if the owner of the vessel  
21 referred to in subsection (a)(1)(B) has not entered  
22 into a contract for construction of a vessel in accord-  
23 ance with the letter of intent submitted to the Sec-  
24 retary under subsection (a)(3); or

1           (3) on such date as a contract referred to in  
2 paragraph (2) is breached, rescinded, or terminated  
3 (other than for completion of performance of the  
4 contract) by the owner of the vessel referred to in  
5 subsection (a)(1)(B).

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