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S. 1565

To provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Naval Vessel Transfer
5 Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS TO CERTAIN FOR-**
7 **EIGN RECIPIENTS.**

8 (a) TRANSFERS BY GRANT.—The President is au-
9 thorized to transfer vessels to foreign recipients on a grant
10 basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of
11 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j), as follows:

1 (1) TURKEY.—To the Government of Turkey—

2 (A) the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class
3 guided missile frigates GEORGE PHILIP
4 (FFG-12) and SIDES (FFG-14); and

5 (B) the OSPREY class minehunter coastal
6 ship BLACKHAWK (MHC-58).

7 (2) LITHUANIA.—To the Government of Lith-
8 uania, the OSPREY class minehunter coastal ships
9 CORMORANT (MHC-57) and KINGFISHER
10 (MHC-56).

11 (b) TRANSFERS BY SALE.—The President is author-
12 ized to transfer vessels to foreign recipients on a sale basis
13 under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22
14 U.S.C. 2761), as follows:

15 (1) TAIWAN.—To the Taipei Economic and
16 Cultural Representative Office of the United States
17 (which is the Taiwan instrumentality designated
18 pursuant to section 10(a) of the Taiwan Relations
19 Act (22 U.S.C. 3309(a))), the OSPREY class
20 minehunter coastal ships ORIOLE (MHC-55) and
21 FALCON (MHC-59).

22 (2) TURKEY.—To the Government of Turkey,
23 the OSPREY class minehunter coastal ship
24 SHRIKE (MHC-62).

1 (c) GRANTS NOT COUNTED IN ANNUAL TOTAL OF
2 TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The value
3 of a vessel transferred to a recipient on a grant basis pur-
4 suant to authority provided by subsection (a) or (c) shall
5 not be counted against the aggregate value of excess de-
6 fense articles transferred in any fiscal year under section
7 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

8 (d) COSTS OF TRANSFERS.—Any expense incurred by
9 the United States in connection with a transfer authorized
10 by this section shall be charged to the recipient.

11 (e) REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED
12 STATES SHIPYARDS.—To the maximum extent prac-
13 ticable, the President shall require, as a condition of the
14 transfer of a vessel under this section, that the recipient
15 to which the vessel is transferred have such repair or re-
16 furbishment of the vessel as is needed before the vessel
17 joins the naval forces of the recipient performed at a ship-
18 yard located in the United States, including a United
19 States Navy shipyard.

20 (f) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to
21 transfer a vessel under this section shall expire at the end
22 of the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act.

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