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S. 2388

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue certificates of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in coastwise trade for each of 2 vessels named GALLANT LADY, subject to certain conditions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 15 (legislative day, AUGUST 11), 1994

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

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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,*

3 SECTION 1. VESSEL DOCUMENTATION.

4 (a) OWNER DEFINED.—As used in this Act, the term
5 “owner” means the owner of the vessel referred to in sub-
6 section (b)(1)(A).

7 (b) AUTHORITY TO DOCUMENT VESSELS.—

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

10 (A) GALLANT LADY (Feadship hull
11 number 645, approximately 130 feet in length).

12 (B) GALLANT LADY (Feadship hull
13 number 651, approximately 172 feet in length).

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

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

1 owner to, before October 1, 1996, enter into a con-
2 tract for the construction in the United States of a
3 passenger vessel of at least 130 feet in length.

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

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

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

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

16 (1) on the date of the sale of the vessel by the
17 owner;

18 (2) on October 1, 1996, if the owner has not
19 entered into a contract for construction of a vessel
20 in accordance with the letter of intent submitted to
21 the Secretary under subsection (b)(3); or

22 (3) on such date as a contract referred to in
23 paragraph (2) is breached, rescinded, or terminated

- 1 (other than for completion of performance of the
- 2 contract) by the owner.

