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# S. 3183

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

Mr. LOTT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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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 REPAIR DUTIES.**

4       (a) EXEMPTION.—Section 466(h) of the Tariff Act  
5 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1466(h)) is amended by striking para-  
6 graph (4) and inserting the following:

7           “(4) the cost of equipment, repair parts, and  
8       materials that are installed on a vessel documented  
9       under the laws of the United States and engaged in  
10      the foreign or coasting trade, if the installation is

1       done by members of the regular crew of such vessel  
2       while the vessel is on the high seas, in foreign wa-  
3       ters, or in a foreign port, and does not involve for-  
4       eign shipyard repairs by foreign labor. Declaration  
5       and entry shall not be required with respect to the  
6       installation, equipment, parts, and materials de-  
7       scribed in this paragraph.”.

8       (b) AMENDMENT TO HTS.—Subchapter XVIII of  
9       chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the  
10      United States is amended by striking “U.S. Note” and  
11      inserting “U.S. Notes” and by adding after U.S. note 1  
12      the following new note:

13      “2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subheadings  
14      9818.00.03 through 9818.00.07, no duty shall apply to  
15      the cost of equipment, repair parts, and materials that are  
16      installed in a vessel documented under the laws of the  
17      United States and engaged in the foreign or coasting  
18      trade, if the installation is done by members of the regular  
19      crew of such vessel while the vessel is on the high seas,  
20      in foreign waters, or in a foreign port and does not involve  
21      foreign shipyard repairs by foreign labor. Declaration and  
22      entry shall not be required with respect to such installa-  
23      tion, equipment, parts, and materials.”.

1        (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section apply to vessel equipment, repair parts, and  
3 materials installed on or after April 25, 2001.

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