

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 744

To establish a Caribbean Basin Port Assistance Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2005

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To establish a Caribbean Basin Port Assistance Program.

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. ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN PORTS.

4 Section 70109 of title 46, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(c) CARIBBEAN BASIN PORT ASSISTANCE PRO-
7 GRAM.—

8 “(1) The Administrator of the Maritime Admin-
9 istration, in coordination with the Secretary of
10 State, shall identify foreign assistance programs that
11 could facilitate implementation of port security
12 and antiterrorism measures at ports in a country in the

1 Caribbean Basin. The Administrator and the Sec-
2 retary, in consultation with the Organization of
3 American States, shall establish a program to utilize
4 those programs that are capable of implementing
5 port security antiterrorism measures at ports in a
6 country in the Caribbean Basin that the Secretary
7 finds, under section 70108, to lack effective
8 antiterrorism measures.

9 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘country in the
10 Caribbean Basin’ means a country listed in section
11 212(b) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery
12 Act (19 U.S.C. 2702(b)).”.

13 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON SECURITY AT PORTS IN THE CARIB-
14 BEAN BASIN.**

15 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland
17 Security shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,
18 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and Committee
19 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
20 Representatives a report on the security of ports in a
21 country in the Caribbean Basin.

22 (b) CONTENT.—The report required by paragraph
23 (1) shall include the following:

24 (1) An assessment of the vulnerability of ports
25 in a country in the Caribbean Basin.

1 (c) COUNTRY IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN DEFINED.—
2 In this section, the term “country in the Caribbean Basin”
3 means a country listed in section 212(b) of the Caribbean
4 Basin Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2702(b)).

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