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S. 1041

To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to modify the applicability of certain requirements to double hulled tankers transporting oil in bulk in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2009

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. DUAL ESCORT VESSELS FOR DOUBLE HULLED**
4 **TANKERS IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALAS-**
5 **KA.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4116(c) of the Oil Pollu-
7 tion Act of 1990 (46 U.S.C. 3703 note; Public Law 101–
8 380) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Not later than 6 months” and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days”;
4 and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The requirement in
8 paragraph (1) relating to single hulled tankers
9 in Prince William Sound, Alaska, described in
10 that paragraph being escorted by at least 2
11 towing vessels or other vessels considered to be
12 appropriate by the Secretary (including regula-
13 tions promulgated in accordance with section
14 3703(a)(3) of title 46, United States Code, as
15 set forth in part 168 of title 33, Code of Fed-
16 eral Regulations (as in effect on March 1,
17 2009) implementing this subsection with re-
18 spect to those tankers) shall apply to double
19 hulled tankers over 5,000 gross tons trans-
20 porting oil in bulk in Prince William Sound,
21 Alaska.

22 “(B) IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIRE-
23 MENTS.—The Secretary of the Federal agency
24 with jurisdiction over the Coast Guard shall
25 carry out subparagraph (A) by order without

1 notice and hearing pursuant to section 553 of
2 title 5 of the United States Code.”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
4 subsection (a) take effect on the date that is 90 days after
5 the date of enactment of this Act.

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