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To require the conveyance of the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter
STORIS.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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Guard Cutter STORIS.

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. CONVEYANCE OF DECOMMISSIONED COAST**
4 **GUARD CUTTER STORIS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast
6 Guard shall convey, without consideration, all right, title,
7 and interest of the United States in and to the decommis-
8 sioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS to the Storis Mu-
9 seum, a nonprofit entity of Juneau, Alaska, if the Storis
10 Museum agrees—

1 (1) to use the vessel as a historic memorial and
2 to make the Coast Guard Cutter STORIS available
3 to the public as a museum and to work cooperatively
4 with other museums to provide education and memo-
5 rialize the maritime heritage of the vessel and other
6 maritime activities in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest,
7 the Arctic Ocean, and adjacent oceans and seas;

8 (2) not to use the vessel for commercial trans-
9 portation purposes;

10 (3) to make the vessel available to the United
11 States Government if needed for use by the Com-
12 mandant in time of war or a national emergency or
13 based on the critical needs of the Coast Guard;

14 (4) to hold the Government harmless for any
15 claims arising from exposure to hazardous materials,
16 including asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls
17 (PCBs), except for claims arising from the use of
18 the vessel by the Government;

19 (5) to bear all costs of transportation and deliv-
20 ery of the vessel;

21 (6) to bear all costs of vessel disposal in accord-
22 ance with Federal law when the vessel is no longer
23 used as a museum; and

24 (7) to any other conditions the Commandant
25 considers appropriate.

1 (b) MAINTENANCE AND DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—

2 (1) MAINTENANCE.—Before conveyance of the
3 Coast Guard Cutter STORIS under this section, the
4 Commandant shall make, to the extent practical and
5 subject to other Coast Guard mission requirements,
6 every effort to maintain the integrity of the vessel
7 and its equipment until the time of delivery.

8 (2) TREATMENT OF CONVEYANCE.—The con-
9 veyance of the Coast Guard Cutter STORIS under
10 this section shall not be considered a distribution in
11 commerce for purposes of section 6(e) of the Toxic
12 Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2605(e)).

13 (c) OTHER EXCESS EQUIPMENT.—The Commandant
14 may convey to the recipient of the Coast Guard Cutter
15 STORIS under this section any excess equipment or parts
16 from other decommissioned Coast Guard vessels for use
17 to enhance the vessel's operability and function for pur-
18 poses of a public museum and historical display.

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