

Union Calendar No. 414

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3376

[Report No. 111-368, Part I]

To amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure the traditional right of self-defense of United States mariners against acts of piracy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2009

Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself and Mr. CUMMINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DECEMBER 19, 2009

Reported and referred, for a period ending not later than March 25, 2010, to the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within its jurisdiction pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X, and to the Committee on Homeland Security for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within its jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(i), rule X

MARCH 25, 2010

Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security extended for a period ending not later than May 28, 2010

MAY 28, 2010

Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security extended for a period ending not later than August 6, 2010

AUGUST 6, 2010

Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security extended for a period ending not later than September 30, 2010

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security extended for a period ending not later than December 3, 2010

DECEMBER 3, 2010

Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security extended for a period ending not later than December 17, 2010

DECEMBER 17, 2010

Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security extended for a period ending not later than December 21, 2010

DECEMBER 21, 2010

Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security extended for a period ending not later than December 22, 2010

DECEMBER 22, 2010

Additional sponsors: Mr. COBLE, Mr. MICA, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska

DECEMBER 22, 2010

The Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States Mariner
5 and Vessel Protection Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE FORCE AGAINST PIRACY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 46, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new section:

10 **“§ 8107. Use of force against piracy**

11 “An owner, operator, time charterer, master, or mar-
12 iner who uses force, or authorizes the use of force, to de-
13 fend a vessel of the United States against an act of piracy
14 shall not be liable for any injury or death caused by such
15 force to any person participating in the act of piracy.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis at the be-
17 ginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end
18 the following new item:

“8107. Use of force against piracy.”.

19 **SEC. 3. AGREEMENTS.**

20 To carry out the purpose of this Act, the Secretary
21 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating
22 shall work through the International Maritime Organiza-
23 tion to establish agreements to promote coordinated action
24 among flag- and port-states to deter, protect against, and
25 rapidly respond to acts of piracy against the vessels of,

1 and in the waters under the jurisdiction of, those nations,
2 and to ensure limitations on liability similar to those es-
3 tablished by section 8107 of title 46, United States Code,
4 as amended by this Act.

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