

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1024

To authorize appropriations for the design, acquisition, and construction of a combined buoy tender-icebreaker to replace icebreaking capacity on the Great Lakes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 2009

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

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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 “Great Lakes Ice-
5 breaker Replacement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) 5 of the Great Lakes icebreakers of the
2 Coast Guard are nearing the end of the useful lives
3 of the icebreakers;

4 (2) 2 other Coast Guard icebreaking assets
5 have experienced difficulty in heavy ice conditions;

6 (3) during the spring of 2008, United States-
7 flag vessels operating on the Great Lakes suffered
8 more than \$1,300,000 in damages to the hulls of the
9 vessels because the Coast Guard did not have
10 enough assets available to keep Great Lakes ship-
11 ping lanes open;

12 (4) during the 2006–2007 ice season, ship-
13 ments of iron ore, coal, and limestone on the Great
14 Lakes exceeded 20,000,000 tons;

15 (5) during the 2006–2007 ice season, the trans-
16 portation of 10,400,000 tons of iron ore on the
17 Great Lakes helped support approximately 100,000
18 jobs at steel mills and approximately 300,000 jobs at
19 supplier industries by keeping those industries work-
20 ing during the winter season; and

21 (6) the 6,400,000 tons of coal shipped on the
22 Great Lakes during the 2006–2007 ice season kept
23 the Great Lakes region supplied with electricity.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
3 retary of Homeland Security \$153,000,000 for necessary
4 expenses of the Coast Guard relating to the design, acqui-
5 sition, and construction of a combined buoy tender-ice-
6 breaker to replace icebreaking capacity on the Great
7 Lakes, to remain available until expended.

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