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Maritime Administration Enhancement Act of 2005

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]

Party: Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Nov 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Maritime Administration Enhancement Act of 2005 - Amends the Maritime Education and Training Act to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish and maintain a voluntary organization for the training of U.S. citizens to perform functions to assist the U.S. merchant marine, as determined necessary by the Secretary.

Amends the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 regarding: (1) investments as they relate to the war risk insurance fund; (2) satisfaction of certain requirements for admission to the U.S. merchant marine academy, including reserve training compliance and armed forces performance requirements for U.S. merchant marine academy graduates; (3) operation of the Global Maritime and Transportation School as a nonappropriated fund instrumentality under the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration; (4) repeal of limitation on Secretary's authority to scrap obsolete National Defense Reserve Fleet vessels, including the transfer of such vessels to be disposed of as artificial reefs at no cost to the Government; (5) duty-free treatment for emergency war materials imported for use by the Maritime Administration, including the cost of repairs made in a foreign country to any National Defense Reserve Fleet vessel; and (6) availability of funds from deepwater port license fees and fees from administrative waivers of coastwise trade laws for eligible vessels for deposit into the Maritime Administration's operations and training account for administrative expenses and improvements to the programs' operations.

Amends federal shipping law to revise the use of amounts contained in the Vessel Operations Revolving Fund. Credits certain amounts to the Fund.

Authorizes appropriations for annual payments to regional maritime academies, including to state maritime academies for school ship fuel.

Establishes a program to provide assistance to small shipyards for capital improvements and for maritime training programs in maritime communities.

Grants the Administrator of the Maritime Administration authority to make certain non-fishing loan guarantee decisions (currently, made by the the Secretary of Transportation).

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 17, 2005:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Stevens. With written report No. 109-183.
- **Nov 17, 2005:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Stevens. With written report No. 109-183.
- **Nov 17, 2005:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 295.
- **Jul 21, 2005:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation ordered to be reported an original measure.