

## S 89

A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Jan 10, 2017

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Apr 4, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/89>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jan 10, 2017
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 10, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 10, 2017
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jan 10, 2017
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 10, 2017
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jan 10, 2017
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 3, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 21, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 140	Related bill	<b>Dec 4, 2018:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-282.
115 HR 619	Identical bill	<b>Jan 25, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

(Sec. 1) This bill revises the requirements for passenger vessels that are exempt from fire-retardant materials standards.

Vessels in operation before January 1, 1968, that operate within inland waterways are exempted from the new requirements until December 1, 2028. Exempt vessel operators must follow certain requirements including notifying prospective passengers in writing prior to the sale of any ticket for boarding and making annual structural alterations to at least 10% of areas of the vessel that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials.

Additionally, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must conduct an annual inspection of any vessel that is exempted from fire-retardant materials standards. DOT may withdraw a certificate of inspection for any vessel that does not comply with requirements under this bill.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 4, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Apr 3, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2159-2163, S2164-2168)
- **Apr 3, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 85 - 12. Record Vote Number: 102.
- **Apr 3, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 85 - 12. Record Vote Number: 102.
- **Mar 21, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune without amendment. With written report No. 115-5.
- **Mar 21, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 18.
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.