

EXTRADITION OF JOANNE
CHESIMARD AND OTHERS

The resolution (H. Con. Res. 254) calling on the government of Cuba to extradite to the United States convicted felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba was considered and agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
CONGRESS CONCERNING THE
NEW TRIBES MISSION HOSTAGE
CRISIS

The resolution (H. Con. Res. 277) concerning the New Tribes Mission hostage crisis was considered and agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

MAKING AVAILABLE "WINDOW ON
AMERICA"

The bill (H.R. 4083) to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America" was considered read the third time and passed.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION
ACT OF 1998

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (H.R. 2204) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2204) entitled "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes", with the following amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION

- Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 102. Authorized levels of military strength and training.
- Sec. 103. LORAN-C.

TITLE II—COAST GUARD MANAGEMENT

- Sec. 201. Severance pay.
- Sec. 202. Authority to implement and fund certain awards programs.
- Sec. 203. Use of appropriated funds for commercial vehicles at military funerals.
- Sec. 204. Authority to reimburse Novato, California, Reuse Commission.
- Sec. 205. Law enforcement authority for special agents of the Coast Guard Investigative Service.
- Sec. 206. Report on excess Coast Guard property.
- Sec. 207. Fees for navigation assistance service.
- Sec. 208. Aids to navigation report.

TITLE III—MARINE SAFETY

- Sec. 301. Extension of territorial sea for certain laws.
- Sec. 302. Penalties for interfering with the safe operation of a vessel.
- Sec. 303. Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 304. Alcohol testing.
- Sec. 305. Protect marine casualty investigations from mandatory release.
- Sec. 306. Safety management code report and policy.
- Sec. 307. Oil and hazardous substance definition and report.
- Sec. 308. National Marine Transportation System.
- Sec. 309. Availability and use of EPIRBs for recreational vessels.
- Sec. 310. Search and rescue helicopter coverage.
- Sec. 311. Petroleum transportation.
- Sec. 312. Seasonal Coast Guard helicopter air rescue capability.
- Sec. 313. Ship reporting systems.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS

- Sec. 401. Vessel identification system amendments.
- Sec. 402. Conveyance of Coast Guard Reserve training facility, Jacksonville, Florida.
- Sec. 403. Documentation of certain vessels.
- Sec. 404. Conveyance of Nahant parcel, Essex County, Massachusetts.
- Sec. 405. Unreasonable obstruction to navigation.
- Sec. 406. Financial responsibility for oil spill response vessels.
- Sec. 407. Conveyance of Coast Guard property to Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida.
- Sec. 408. Penalty for violation of International Safety Convention.
- Sec. 409. Coast Guard City, USA.
- Sec. 410. Conveyance of Communication Station Boston Marshfield Receiver Site, Massachusetts.
- Sec. 411. Clarification of liability of persons engaging in oil spill prevention and response activities.
- Sec. 412. Vessels not seagoing motor vessels.
- Sec. 413. Land conveyance, Coast Guard Station Ocracoke, North Carolina.
- Sec. 414. Conveyance of Coast Guard property in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.
- Sec. 415. Interim authority for dry bulk cargo residue disposal.
- Sec. 416. Conveyance of lighthouses.
- Sec. 417. Conveyance of Coast Guard LORAN Station Nantucket.
- Sec. 418. Conveyance of decommissioned Coast Guard vessels.
- Sec. 419. Amendment to conveyance of vessel S/ S RED OAK VICTORY.
- Sec. 420. Transfer of Ocracoke Light Station to Secretary of the Interior.
- Sec. 421. Vessel documentation clarification.
- Sec. 422. Dredge clarification.
- Sec. 423. Double hull alternative designs study.
- Sec. 424. Vessel sharing agreements.
- Sec. 425. Reports.
- Sec. 426. Report on tonnage calculation methodology.

- Sec. 427. Authority to convey National Defense Reserve Fleet Vessels.
- Sec. 428. Authority to convey National Defense Reserve Fleet Vessel, JOHN HENRY.
- Sec. 429. Applicability of authority to release restrictions and encumbrances.
- Sec. 430. Barge APL-60.
- Sec. 431. Vessel financing flexibility.
- Sec. 432. Hydrographic functions.

**TITLE V—ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR
JONES ACT WAIVERS**

- Sec. 501. Findings.
- Sec. 502. Administrative waiver of coastwise trade laws.
- Sec. 503. Revocation.
- Sec. 504. Definitions.
- Sec. 505. Sunset.

**TITLE VI—HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS AND
HYPOXIA**

- Sec. 601. Short title.
- Sec. 602. Findings.
- Sec. 603. Assessments.
- Sec. 604. Northern Gulf of Mexico hypoxia.
- Sec. 605. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 606. Protection of States' rights.

TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION

SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Funds are authorized to be appropriated for necessary expenses of the Coast Guard, as follows:

(1) For the operation and maintenance of the Coast Guard—

(A) for fiscal year 1998, \$2,715,400,000; and
(B) for fiscal year 1999, \$2,854,700,000; of which \$25,000,000 shall be derived each fiscal year from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to carry out the purposes of section 1012(a)(5) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and of which not less than \$408,000,000 shall be available for expenses related to drug interdiction.

(2) For the acquisition, construction, rebuilding, and improvement of aids to navigation, shore and offshore facilities, vessels, and aircraft, including equipment related thereto—

(A) for fiscal year 1998, \$399,850,000, of which \$2,000,000 shall be made available for concept evaluation for a replacement vessel for the Coast Guard icebreaker MACKINAW; and

(B) for fiscal year 1999, \$510,300,000, of which \$5,300,000 shall be made available to complete the conceptual design for a replacement vessel for the Coast Guard icebreaker MACKINAW; to remain available until expended, of which \$20,000,000 shall be derived each fiscal year from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to carry out the purposes of section 1012(a)(5) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and of which not less than \$62,000,000 shall be available for expenses related to drug interdiction.

(3) For research, development, test, and evaluation of technologies, materials, and human factors directly relating to improving the performance of the Coast Guard's mission in support of search and rescue, aids to navigation, marine safety, marine environmental protection, enforcement of laws and treaties, ice operations, oceanographic research, and defense readiness—

(A) for fiscal year 1998, \$19,000,000; and
(B) for fiscal year 1999, \$18,300,000; to remain available until expended, of which \$3,500,000 shall be derived each fiscal year from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to carry out the purposes of section 1012(a)(5) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

(4) For retired pay (including the payment of obligations otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropriations for this purpose), payments under the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection and Survivor Benefit Plans, and payments for medical care of retired personnel and their dependents under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code—

(A) for fiscal year 1998, \$653,196,000; and
(B) for fiscal year 1999, \$691,493,000.