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Mr. BATEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

A BILL

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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. CONVEYANCE OF NDRF VESSELS FOR SCRAP-**
4 **PING BY THE MARINERS' MUSEUM IN NEW-**
5 **PORT NEWS, VIRGINIA.**

6 (a) VESSEL CONVEYANCE AUTHORITY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
8 law and subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of

1 Transportation shall convey to the Mariners' Mu-
2 seum (a not-for-profit educational institution located
3 in Newport News, Virginia; in this section referred
4 to as the "Museum"), without consideration, all
5 right, title, and interest of the United States Gov-
6 ernment in—

7 (A) the GENERAL ALEXANDER
8 PATCH (a vessel in the National Defense Re-
9 serve Fleet); or

10 (B) any other vessel which—

11 (i) is in the National Defense Reserve
12 Fleet on the date of the enactment of this
13 section;

14 (ii) is of a tonnage approximately
15 equivalent to the tonnage of the GEN-
16 ERAL ALEXANDER PATCH;

17 (iii) has no usefulness to the Govern-
18 ment; and

19 (iv) is scheduled to be scrapped.

20 (2) CONDITION.—As a condition of conveying
21 any vessel to the Museum pursuant to this section,
22 the Secretary shall require that the Museum enter
23 into an agreement with the Secretary which requires
24 that the Museum—

25 (A) sell the vessel for scrap purposes;

1 (B) use the proceeds of that scrapping for
2 expenses directly related to the computerization
3 and national accessibility of the library and ar-
4 chives of the Museum in accordance with para-
5 graph (3); and

6 (C) contribute from non-Federal sources,
7 at least 30 percent of the reasonably antici-
8 pated costs of that computerization, which may
9 be in the form of payment by the Museum of
10 overhead costs related to that computerization.

11 (3) AUTHORIZED USES OF PROCEEDS.—The
12 Secretary shall ensure that under the agreement
13 under paragraph (2) the uses for which the Museum
14 is authorized to use proceeds of any vessel conveyed
15 to the Museum under this section include—

16 (A) data entry;

17 (B) data base searches and the production
18 of records and cards;

19 (C) archives conversion;

20 (D) acquisition of personal computers;

21 (E) scanning of unique materials; and

22 (F) other expenses related to provision of
23 on-line computer access to the library and ar-
24 chives of the Museum.

1 (b) DELIVERY.—The Secretary shall deliver any ves-
2 sel conveyed under this section to the Museum—

3 (1) at the place where the vessel is located on
4 the date of the approval of the conveyance;

5 (2) in its condition on that date; and

6 (3) without cost to the Government.

7 (c) EXPIRATION.—The authority of the Secretary to
8 convey vessels under this section expires on the date which
9 is 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (d) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO MU-
11 SEUM.—Amounts available to, or used by, the Museum
12 pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection (a)(2)
13 shall not be considered in any determination of the eligi-
14 bility of the Museum for financial assistance under any
15 other Federal law.

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