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# H. R. 5155

To authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAMILTON (for himself and Mr. GILMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign  
countries.

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. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER NAVAL VESSELS TO**  
4 **CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

5 (a) ARGENTINA.—The Secretary of the Navy is au-  
6 thorized to transfer to the Government of Argentina the  
7 “NEWPORT” class tank landing ship SCHENECTADY  
8 (LST 1185). Such transfer shall be on a lease basis under  
9 chapter 6 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.  
10 2796 and following).

1 (b) CHILE.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized  
2 to transfer to the Government of Chile the “NEWPORT”  
3 class tank landing ships NEWPORT (LST 1179) and  
4 SAN BERNARDINO (LST 1189). Such transfers shall  
5 be on a lease basis under chapter 6 of the Arms Export  
6 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2796 and following).

7 (c) MALAYSIA.—The Secretary of the Navy is author-  
8 ized to transfer to the Government of Malaysia the  
9 “NEWPORT” class tank leading ship SPARTANBURG  
10 COUNTY (LST 1197). Such transfer shall be on a sales  
11 basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act  
12 (22 U.S.C. 2761; relating to the foreign military sales  
13 program).

14 (d) SPAIN.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized  
15 to transfer to the Government of Spain the “NEWPORT”  
16 class tank landing ship HARLAN COUNTY (LST 1196).  
17 Such transfer shall be on a lease basis under chapter 6  
18 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2796 and  
19 following).

20 (e) TAIWAN.—The Secretary of the Navy is author-  
21 ized to transfer to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Rep-  
22 resentative Office in the United States (which is the Tai-  
23 wan instrumentality designated pursuant to section 10(a)  
24 of the Taiwan Relations Act) the “NEWPORT” class  
25 tank landing ships MANITOWOC (LST 1180) and SUM-

1 TER (LST 1181). Such transfers shall be on a lease basis  
2 under chapter 6 of the Arms Export Control Act (22  
3 U.S.C. 2796 and following).

4 (f) VENEZUELA.—The Secretary of the Navy is au-  
5 thorized to transfer to the Government of Venezuela the  
6 “NEWPORT” class tank landing ships PEORIA (LST  
7 1183) and BARBOUR COUNTY (LST 1195). Such  
8 transfers shall be on a lease basis under chapter 6 of the  
9 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2796 and following).

10 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION TO**  
11 **CONGRESS.**

12 The following provisions do not apply with respect to  
13 the transfers authorized by this Act:

14 (1) In the case of a sale under section 21 of the  
15 Arms Export Control Act, section 525 of the For-  
16 eign Operations, Export Financing, and Related  
17 Programs Appropriations Act, 1994 (Public Law  
18 103–87) and any similar, successor provision.

19 (2) In the case of a lease under section 61 of  
20 the Arms Export Control Act, section 62 of that Act  
21 (except that section 62 of that Act shall apply to any  
22 renewal of the lease).

1 **SEC. 3. COSTS OF TRANSFERS.**

2 Any expense of the United States in connection with  
3 a transfer authorized by this Act shall be charged to the  
4 recipient.

5 **SEC. 4. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.**

6 The authority granted by section 1 of this Act shall  
7 expire at the end of the 2-year period beginning on the  
8 date of the enactment of this Act, except that leases  
9 entered into during that period under section 1 may be  
10 renewed.

11 **SEC. 5. REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT OF VESSELS IN THE**  
12 **UNITED STATES.**

13 It is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of  
14 the Navy should request that each country to which a  
15 naval vessel is transferred under this Act have such repair  
16 or refurbishment of the vessel as is needed, before the ves-  
17 sel joins the naval forces of that country, performed at  
18 shipyards located in the United States, including United  
19 States navy shipyards.

20 **SEC. 6. CONDITION FOR TRANSFER.**

21 No vessel may be transferred under this Act until the  
22 Secretary of Defense certifies in writing to Congress that,  
23 after the transfer—

24 (1) the amphibious lift capacity remaining  
25 available in the Navy is sufficient in all lift cat-

1       egories to transport 2½ Marine Corps expeditionary  
2       brigades simultaneously; and

3             (2) the amphibious lift capacity planned to be  
4       available in the Navy under the future-years defense  
5       program will be sufficient in all lift categories,  
6       throughout the period covered by the future-years  
7       defense program, to transport 2½ Marine Corps ex-  
8       peditionary brigades simultaneously.

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