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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5238

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7 (legislative day, OCTOBER 6), 1994

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

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## 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. AUTHORIZATION FOR R/V ROSS SEAL TO BE**  
4                       **DOCUMENTED UNDER THE LAWS OF A FOR-**  
5                       **EIGN COUNTRY.**

6       Notwithstanding any other law—

7               (1) during the period beginning March 1, 1995,  
8       and ending March 1, 1998, the vessel R/V ROSS  
9       SEAL may be documented under the laws of a for-  
10      eign country;

1           (2) that vessel shall not be prohibited from or  
2 otherwise ineligible to engage in coastwise trade, by  
3 reason of having been documented under the laws of  
4 a foreign country in that period; and

5           (3) the Secretary of Transportation may not, by  
6 reason of that vessel having been documented under  
7 the laws of a foreign country in the period, withhold  
8 documentation for that vessel under chapter 121 of  
9 title 46, United States Code.

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