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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19 (legislative day, APRIL 11), 1994

Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DURENBERGER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Merchant Marine
3 Academy Reform Act of 1994”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL**
5 **CHARGES OR FEES FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE**
6 **ACADEMY ATTENDANCE.**

7 Section 1303 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46
8 U.S.C. App. 1295b) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new subsection:

10 “(j) PROHIBITION ON FEES AND CHARGES FOR AT-
11 TENDANCE BY UNITED STATES CITIZENS AT THE MER-
12 CHANT MARINE ACADEMY.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
14 graph (2), no tuition or charge for room or board
15 may be imposed in connection with attendance at
16 the Merchant Marine Academy by an individual se-
17 lected for attendance pursuant to subsection (b).

18 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition specified in
19 paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to any
20 item or service provided to midshipmen at the Mer-
21 chant Marine Academy for which a charge is im-
22 posed on the date of enactment of the Merchant Ma-
23 rine Academy Reform Act of 1994.

24 “(3) CHANGE IN APPLICABLE FEE.—The Sec-
25 retary of Transportation shall notify Congress of
26 any change made in the amount of a charge exempt-

1 ed by paragraph (2) from the prohibition in para-
2 graph (1).”.

3 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF SENATE.**

4 It is the sense of the Senate that no charges or fees
5 should be imposed for attendance at the United States
6 Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the
7 United States Air Force Academy, or the United States
8 Coast Guard Academy.

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