

# Union Calendar No. 123

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2005

[Report No. 105–201]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 1997

Mr. MCDADE (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KING, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MANTON, Ms. FURSE, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. FORD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. MURTHA, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. GOODLING, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. FORBES, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. HOYER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

JULY 24, 1997

Additional sponsors: Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. LoBIONDO

JULY 24, 1997

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 20, 1997]

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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. CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT.**

4       *Section 40120(a) of title 49, United States Code, is*  
 5       *amended by inserting “(including the Act entitled ‘An Act*  
 6       *relating to the maintenance of actions for death on the high*  
 7       *seas and other navigable waters’, approved March 30, 1920,*  
 8       *commonly known as the Death on the High Seas Act (46*  
 9       *U.S.C. App. 761–767; 41 Stat. 537–538))” after “United*  
 10       *States”.*

11       **SEC. 2. APPLICABILITY.**

12       *The amendment made by section 1 applies to civil ac-*  
 13       *tions commenced after the date of the enactment of this Act*  
 14       *and to civil actions that are not adjudicated by a court*  
 15       *of original jurisdiction or settled on or before such date of*  
 16       *enactment.*



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