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To authorize conveyance of 2 decommissioned Coast Guard vessels to Canvasback Mission, Inc., for use for provision of medical services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 1998

Mr. RIGGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 DECOMMISSIONED COAST**
4 **GUARD VESSELS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast
6 Guard shall convey all right, title, and interest of the
7 United States in and to each of 2 decommissioned “White
8 Class” 133-foot Coast Guard vessels to Canvasback Mis-
9 sion, Inc. (a nonprofit corporation established under the

1 laws of the State of Oregon; in this section referred to
2 as “the recipient”), without consideration, if—

3 (1) the recipient agrees, with respect to each
4 vessel conveyed—

5 (A) to use the vessel for the purposes of
6 providing medical services to Central and South
7 Pacific island nations;

8 (B) not to use the vessel for commercial
9 transportation purposes except those incident to
10 the provision of those medical services;

11 (C) to make the vessel available to the
12 United States Government if needed for use by
13 the Commandant in times of war or a national
14 emergency; and

15 (D) to hold the Government harmless for
16 any claims arising from exposure to hazardous
17 materials, including asbestos and poly-
18 chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), after conveyance
19 of the vessel, except for claims arising from the
20 use by the Government under paragraph (1)(C);

21 (2) the recipient has funds available that will be
22 committed to operate and to maintain each vessel
23 conveyed in good working condition, in the form of
24 cash, liquid assets, or a written loan commitment,

1 and in the amount of at least \$400,000 per vessel;
2 and

3 (3) the recipient agrees to any other conditions
4 the Commandant considers appropriate.

5 (b) MAINTENANCE AND DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—
6 Prior to conveyance of a vessel under this section, the
7 Commandant shall, to the extent practical, and subject to
8 other Coast Guard mission requirements, make every ef-
9 fort to maintain the integrity of the vessel and its equip-
10 ment until the time of delivery of the vessel. If a convey-
11 ance is made under this section, the Commandant shall
12 deliver the vessel at the place where the vessel is located,
13 in its present condition, and without cost to the Govern-
14 ment. The conveyance of the vessel under this section shall
15 not be considered a distribution in commerce for purposes
16 of section 6(e) of Public Law 94–469 (15 U.S.C. 2605(e)).

17 (c) OTHER EXCESS EQUIPMENT.—The Commandant
18 may convey to the recipient of a vessel under this section
19 any excess equipment or parts from other decommissioned
20 Coast Guard vessels for use to enhance the vessel’s oper-
21 ability and function as a medical services vessel in Central
22 and South Pacific islands.

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