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# S. 3052

To provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2008

Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Naval Vessel Transfer  
5 Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS TO CERTAIN FOR-**  
7 **EIGN RECIPIENTS.**

8 (a) TRANSFERS BY GRANT.—The President is au-  
9 thorized to transfer vessels to foreign recipients on a grant  
10 basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of  
11 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j), as follows:

1           (1) PAKISTAN.—To the Government of Paki-  
2 stan, the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided  
3 missile frigate MCINERNEY (FFG-8).

4           (2) GREECE.—To the Government of Greece,  
5 the OSPREY class minehunter coastal ships OS-  
6 PREY (MHC-51) and ROBIN (MHC-54).

7           (3) CHILE.—To the Government of Chile, the  
8 KAISER class oiler ANDREW J. HIGGINS (AO-  
9 190).

10           (4) PERU.—To the Government of Peru, the  
11 NEWPORT class amphibious tank landing ships  
12 FRESNO (LST-1182) and RACINE (LST-1191).

13           (b) GRANTS NOT COUNTED IN ANNUAL TOTAL OF  
14 TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The value  
15 of a vessel transferred to a recipient on a grant basis pur-  
16 suant to authority provided by subsection (a) shall not be  
17 counted against the aggregate value of excess defense arti-  
18 cles transferred in any fiscal year under section 516 of  
19 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

20           (c) COSTS OF TRANSFERS.—Any expense incurred by  
21 the United States in connection with a transfer authorized  
22 by this section shall be charged to the recipient (notwith-  
23 standing section 516(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of  
24 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(e))).

1       (d) REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED  
2 STATES SHIPYARDS.—To the maximum extent prac-  
3 ticable, the President shall require, as a condition of the  
4 transfer of a vessel under this section, that the recipient  
5 to which the vessel is transferred have such repair or re-  
6 furbishment of the vessel as is needed, before the vessel  
7 joins the naval forces of the recipient, performed at a ship-  
8 yard located in the United States, including a United  
9 States Navy shipyard.

10       (e) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to  
11 transfer a vessel under this section shall expire at the end  
12 of the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enact-  
13 ment of this Act.

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