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# S. 2849

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 8, 2009

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Arctic Deep Water  
5 Sea Port Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ARCTIC DEEP**  
7 **WATER PORT.**

8 (a) STUDY.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
2           consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
3           rity, shall conduct a study on the feasibility and po-  
4           tential of establishing a deep water sea port in the  
5           Arctic to protect and advance strategic United  
6           States interests within the evolving and ever more  
7           important Arctic region.

8           (2) SCOPE.—The study required under para-  
9           graph (1) shall address the following issues:

10                   (A) The capability that such a port would  
11                   provide.

12                   (B) Potential and optimum locations for  
13                   such a port.

14                   (C) Resources needed to establish such a  
15                   port.

16                   (D) The time frame needed to establish  
17                   such a port.

18                   (E) The infrastructure required to support  
19                   such a port, including Command, Control, Com-  
20                   munications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveil-  
21                   lance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) facilities,  
22                   health care facilities, barracks and housing, air-  
23                   field and pier support, and operations facilities.

24                   (F) Any other issues the Secretary deter-  
25                   mines necessary to complete the study.

1           (b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
3 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services and  
4 Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
5 atives a report on the findings of the study conducted  
6 under subsection (a).

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