

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 701

To provide for the transfer of the TARAWA class amphibious ship USS
NASSAU (LHA-4) to Japan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONAWAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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amphibious ship USS NASSAU (LHA-4) to Japan.

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 “FriendSHIP Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF THE TARAWA CLASS AMPHIBIOUS**
6 **SHIP USS NASSAU (LHA-4) TO JAPAN.**

7 (a) TRANSFER BY SALE OR GRANT.—The President
8 is authorized to transfer the TARAWA class amphibious
9 ship USS NASSAU (LHA-4) to Japan on a sale basis
10 under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22

1 U.S.C. 2761) or on a grant basis under section 516 of
2 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

3 (b) COSTS OF TRANSFERS.—Any expense incurred by
4 the United States in connection with a transfer authorized
5 by this section shall be charged to the recipient notwith-
6 standing section 516(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
7 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(e)).

8 (c) REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED
9 STATES SHIPYARDS.—To the maximum extent prac-
10 ticable, the President shall require, as a condition of the
11 transfer of a vessel under this section, that the recipient
12 to which the vessel is transferred have such repair or re-
13 furbishment of the vessel as is needed, before the vessel
14 joins the naval forces of that recipient, performed at a
15 shipyard located in the United States, including a United
16 States Navy shipyard.

17 (d) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to
18 transfer a vessel under this section shall expire at the end
19 of the 3-year period beginning on the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act.

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