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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1436

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to transmit to the Congress a report on maritime policies of the Department of Transportation.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 1993

Mr. PICKETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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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. MARITIME POLICY REPORT.**

4       (a) REPORT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall  
5       transmit to the Congress a report setting forth the De-  
6       partment of Transportation's policies for the 5-year period  
7       beginning October 1, 1993, with respect to—

8               (1) fostering and maintaining a United States  
9       merchant marine capable of meeting economic and  
10       national security requirements;

1           (2) improving the vitality and competitiveness  
2 of the United States merchant marine and the mari-  
3 time industrial base, including ship repairers, ship-  
4 builders, ship manning, ship operators, and ship  
5 suppliers;

6           (3) reversing the precipitous decrease in the  
7 number of ships in the United States-flag fleet and  
8 the Nation's shipyard and repair capability;

9           (4) stabilizing and eventually increasing the  
10 number of mariners available to crew United States  
11 merchant vessels;

12           (5) achieving adequate manning of merchant  
13 vessels for national security needs during a mobiliza-  
14 tion;

15           (6) ensuring that sufficient civil maritime re-  
16 sources will be available to meet defense deployment  
17 and essential economic requirements in support of  
18 our national security strategy;

19           (7) ensuring that the United States maintains  
20 the capability to respond unilaterally to security  
21 threats in geographic areas not covered by alliance  
22 commitments and otherwise meets sealift require-  
23 ments in the event of crisis or war;

24           (8) ensuring that international agreements and  
25 practices do not place United States maritime indus-

1 tries at an unfair competitive disadvantage in world  
2 markets;

3 (9) ensuring that Federal agencies promote,  
4 through efficient application of laws and regulations,  
5 the readiness of the United States merchant marine  
6 and supporting industries; and

7 (10) any other relevant maritime policies.

8 (b) DATE OF TRANSMITTAL.—The report required  
9 under subsection (a) shall be transmitted along with the  
10 President's budget submission, pursuant to section 1105  
11 of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 1995.

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