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H. R. 4835

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 1994

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

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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. VESSEL DOCUMENTATION.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO DOCUMENT VESSELS.—**

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 27
2 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C.
3 883), the Act of June 19, 1886 (46 App. U.S.C.
4 289), and section 12106 of title 46, United States
5 Code, and subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of
6 Transportation may issue a certificate of documenta-
7 tion with appropriate endorsement for employment
8 in the coastwise trade for each of the vessels—

9 (A) GALLANT LADY (Feadship hull
10 number 645, approximately 130 feet in length);
11 and

12 (B) GALLANT LADY (Feadship hull
13 number 651, approximately 172 feet in length).

14 (2) LIMITATION ON OPERATION.—Coastwise
15 trade authorized under a certificate of documenta-
16 tion issued for a vessel under this section shall be
17 limited to carriage of passengers in association with
18 contributions to charitable organizations no portion
19 of which is received, directly or indirectly, by the
20 owner of the vessel.

21 (3) CONDITION.—The Secretary may not issue
22 any certificate of documentation under paragraph
23 (1) unless the owner of the vessel referred to in
24 paragraph (1)(A) (in this section referred to as the
25 “owner”), within 90 days after the date of the en-

1 actment of this Act, submits to the Secretary a let-
2 ter expressing the intent of the owner to enter into
3 a contract before October 1, 1996, for construction
4 in the United States of a passenger vessel of at least
5 130 feet in length.

6 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTIFICATES.—A
7 certificate of documentation issued under paragraph
8 (1)—

9 (A) for the vessel referred to in paragraph
10 (1)(A), shall take effect on the date of the issu-
11 ance of the certificate; and

12 (B) for the vessel referred to in paragraph
13 (1)(B), shall take effect on the date of delivery
14 of the vessel to the owner.

15 (b) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTIFI-
16 CATES.—A certificate of documentation issued for a vessel
17 under subsection (a)(1) shall expire—

18 (1) on the date of the sale of the vessel by the
19 owner;

20 (2) on October 1, 1996, if the owner has not
21 entered into a contract for construction of a vessel
22 in accordance with the letter of intent submitted to
23 the Secretary under subsection (a)(3); and

24 (3) on any date on which such a contract is
25 breached, rescinded, or terminated (other than for

- 1 completion of performance of the contract) by the
- 2 owner.

