

115TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1414

To state the policy of the United States on the minimum number of available battle force ships.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2017

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. STRANGE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. RUBIO) 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 “Securing the Home-  
5 land by Increasing our Power on the Seas Act” or  
6 “SHIPS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES ON MINIMUM NUM-**  
2 **BER OF BATTLE FORCE SHIPS.**

3 It shall be the policy of the United States to have  
4 available, as soon as practicable, not fewer than 355 battle  
5 force ships, comprised of the optimal mix of platforms,  
6 with funding subject to the annual authorization of appro-  
7 priation and the annual appropriation of funds.

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