

Private Law 100-21
100th Congress

An Act

Oct. 18, 1988

[H.R. 2032]

To authorize the conveyance of the vessel, Lane Victory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding another law, the Secretary of Transportation may convey the right, title, and interest of the United States Government in the vessel Lane Victory, United States official number 248094, to a nonprofit corporation (referred to in this Act as the "recipient") for use as a merchant marine memorial if—

(1) the recipient agrees to use the vessel as a nonprofit merchant marine memorial museum;

(2) the vessel is not used for commercial transportation purposes;

(3) the recipient agrees to make the vessel available to the Government when the Secretary requires use of the vessel by the Government;

(4) the recipient agrees that when the recipient no longer requires the vessel for use as a merchant marine memorial museum the recipient will—

(A) at the discretion of the Secretary, reconvey the vessel to the Government in as good a condition as when it was received from the Government, except for ordinary wear and tear; and

(B) deliver it to the Government at the place where the vessel was delivered to the recipient;

(5) the recipient agrees to hold the Government harmless for any claims resulting from exposure to asbestos after conveyance of the vessel, except for claims against the Government arising from exposure during use by the Government under paragraphs (3) or (4) of this subsection; and

(6) the recipient agrees to any other conditions the Secretary considers appropriate.

(b) If a conveyance is made under this Act, the Secretary shall deliver the vessel to the recipient at the place where the vessel is located on the date of enactment of this Act, in its present condition, without cost to the Government.

(c) The Secretary also may convey any unneeded equipment from other vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet in order to assist in placing the Lane Victory in operating condition.

SEC. 2. This Act does not require the Secretary to retain this vessel in the reserve fleet for a period longer than two years from the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved October 18, 1988.