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H. R. 2460

To amend title 46, United States Code, to allow operation of foreign-flag cruise ships in the coastwise trade of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 2011

Mr. FARENTHOLD (for himself and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Creating and Restoring
5 U.S. Investment and Stimulating Employment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPERATION OF FOREIGN-FLAG CRUISE SHIPS IN**
2 **THE COASTWISE TRADE OF THE UNITED**
3 **STATES.**

4 Section 55103 of title 46, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(c) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall not apply
9 to the transportation of passengers by a passenger
10 vessel on a voyage—

11 “(A) that is more than 24 hours in dura-
12 tion;

13 “(B) any part of which is on the high seas;
14 and

15 “(C) in which passengers embark or dis-
16 embark in the United States (including any
17 commonwealth or territory of the United
18 States).

19 “(2) PASSENGER VESSEL DEFINED.—For pur-
20 poses of this subsection ‘passenger vessel’ (as de-
21 fined in section 2101) does not include—

22 “(A) a public vessel;

23 “(B) a vessel owned or operated by a State
24 or local government; or

25 “(C) a vessel that is used on a regular
26 schedule—

1 “(i) to provide transportation only be-
2 tween particular places; and
3 “(ii) to transport only—
4 “(I) passengers; or
5 “(II) vehicles, or railroad cars,
6 that are being used, or have been
7 used, in transporting passengers or
8 goods.”.

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