

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “America’s Cup Act of 2011”.

**SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

(1) **34TH AMERICA’S CUP.**—The term “34th America’s Cup”—

(A) means the sailing competitions, commencing in 2011, to be held in the United States in response to the challenge to the defending team from the United States, in accordance with the terms of the America’s Cup governing Deed of Gift, dated October 24, 1887; and

(B) if a United States yacht club successfully defends the America’s Cup, includes additional sailing competitions conducted by America’s Cup Race Management during the 1-year period beginning on the last date of such defense.

(2) **AMERICA’S CUP RACE MANAGEMENT.**—The term “America’s Cup Race Management” means the entity established to provide for independent, professional, and neutral race management of the America’s Cup sailing competitions.

(3) **ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION.**—The term “Eligibility Certification” means a certification issued under section 4.

(4) **ELIGIBLE VESSEL.**—The term “eligible vessel” means a competing vessel or supporting vessel of any registry that—

(A) is recognized by America’s Cup Race Management as an official competing vessel, or supporting vessel of, the 34th America’s Cup, as evidenced in writing to the Administrator of the Maritime Administration of the Department of Transportation;

(B) transports not more than 25 individuals, in addition to the crew;

(C) is not a ferry (as defined under section 2101(10b)) of title 46, United States Code;

(D) does not transport individuals in point-to-point service for hire; and

(E) does not transport merchandise between ports in the United States.

(5) **SUPPORTING VESSEL.**—The term “supporting vessel” means a vessel that is operating in support of the 34th America’s Cup by—

(A) positioning a competing vessel on the race course;

(B) transporting equipment and supplies utilized for the staging, operations, or broadcast of the competition; or

(C) transporting individuals who—

(i) have not purchased tickets or directly paid for their passage; and

(ii) who are engaged in the staging, operations, or broadcast of the competition, race team personnel, members of the media, or event sponsors.

**SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF ELIGIBLE VESSELS.**

Notwithstanding sections 55102, 55103, and 55111 of title 46, United States Code, an eligible vessel, operating only in preparation for, or in connection with, the 34th America’s Cup competition, may position competing vessels and may transport individuals and equipment and supplies utilized for the staging, operations, or broadcast of the competition from and around the ports in the United States.

**SEC. 4. CERTIFICATION.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT.**—A vessel may not operate under section 3 unless the vessel has received an Eligibility Certification.

(b) **ISSUANCE.**—The Administrator of the Maritime Administration of the Department of Transportation is authorized to issue an Eligibility Certification with respect to any vessel that the Administrator determines, in his or her sole discretion, meets the requirements set forth in section 2(4).

**SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT.**

Notwithstanding sections 55102, 55103, and 55111 of title 46, United States Code, an Eligi-

bility Certification shall be conclusive evidence to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security of the qualification of the vessel for which it has been issued to participate in the 34th America’s Cup as a competing vessel or a supporting vessel.

**SEC. 6. PENALTY.**

Any vessel participating in the 34th America’s Cup as a competing vessel or supporting vessel that has not received an Eligibility Certification or is not in compliance with section 12112 of title 46, United States Code, shall be subject to the applicable penalties provided in chapters 121 and 551 of title 46, United States Code.

**SEC. 7. VESSEL DOCUMENTATION EXEMPTION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding sections 12112 and 12132 and chapter 551 of title 46, United States Code, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement for each of the following vessels:

(1) LNG GEMINI (United States official number 595752).

(2) LNG LEO (United States official number 595753).

(3) LNG VIRGO (United States official number 595755).

(b) **LIMITATION ON OPERATION.**—Coastwise trade authorized under subsection (a) shall be limited to carriage of natural gas, as that term is defined in section 3(13) of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1502(13)).

(c) **TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF ENDORSEMENTS.**—The coastwise endorsement issued under subsection (a) for a vessel shall expire on the date of the sale of the vessel by the owner of the vessel on the date of enactment of this Act to a person who is not related by ownership or control to such owner.

**SEC. 8. OPERATION OF DRY DOCK IN KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.**

A vessel transported in Dry Dock #2 (State of Alaska registration AIDEA FDD-2) is not merchandise for purposes of section 55102 of title 46, United States Code, if, during such transportation, Dry Dock #2 remains connected by a utility or other connecting line to pierside moorage located in Ketchikan, Alaska.

**AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF A COLLECTION OF RULES OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to S. Res. 311.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 311) to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 311) as agreed to, reads as follows:

S. RES. 311

*Resolved*, That a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate, together with related materials, be printed as a Senate document, and that there be printed 250 addi-

tional copies of such document for the use of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 1070 and H.R. 1965**

Mr. REID. Madam President, there are two bills at the desk. I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1070) to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act.

A bill (H.R. 1965) to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I now ask for a second reading of these two bills, but I object to my own request en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

**ORDERS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, the Senate adjourn until 2 p.m., Monday, November 7, 2011; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 674, the 3 Percent Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act, with 30 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between Senators BAUCUS and HATCH or their designees; further, that the cloture vote with respect to the motion to proceed to H.R. 674 occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 7, 2011.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**PROGRAM**

Mr. REID. Madam President, the next rollcall vote will be at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 674.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011, AT 2 P.M.**

Mr. REID. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:43 p.m., adjourned until Monday, November 7, 2011, at 2 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

THE JUDICIARY

RICHARD G. ANDREWS, OF DELAWARE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ALAN B. KRUEGER, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS.

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 3, 2011:

SCOTT WESLEY SKAVDAHL, OF WYOMING, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING.