

119TH CONGRESS
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To prioritize the finalization of design requirements for new Ready Reserve Force vessels, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself and Mr. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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. PRIORITIZATION AND BRIEFING ON READY RE-**
4 **SERVE FORCE MODERNIZATION.**

5 (a) PRIORITIZATION OF DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—
6 The Secretary of the Navy and the Maritime Adminis-
7 trator shall prioritize the finalization of design require-
8 ments for new Ready Reserve Force vessels.

9 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of the Navy, in coordination with the Maritime Adminis-
2 trator, shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense
3 committees on the following:

4 (1) The status of the roll-on, roll-off vessel de-
5 sign being developed pursuant to section 3546 of the
6 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (46 U.S.C. 57100 note).

8 (2) The plan and timeline for establishing a
9 vessel construction manager program for Ready Re-
10 serve Force new construction, including—

11 (A) the anticipated procurement strategy;

12 (B) the vessel construction manager selec-
13 tion process; and

14 (C) criteria for shipyard selection.

15 (3) The funding profile required to execute the
16 10-ship newbuild program authorized under section
17 2218(f) of title 10, United States Code, phased by
18 fiscal year.

19 (4) The relationship between the newbuild pro-
20 gram and the ongoing used vessel procurement pro-
21 gram, including how those programs will be man-
22 aged in parallel to maintain Ready Reserve Force
23 readiness during the transition period.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—

2 The term “congressional defense committees” has
3 the meaning given that term in section 101(a) of
4 title 10, United States Code.

5 (2) READY RESERVE FORCE.—The term

6 “Ready Reserve Force” has the meaning given that
7 term in chapter 571 of title 46, United States Code.