

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To repeal the Jones Act restrictions on coastwise trade, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEE 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Open America’s
5 Waters Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON COASTWISE**
7 **TRADE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 12112(a) of title 46,
9 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (5) OIL SPILL RESPONSE VESSELS.—Section
2 12117(b) of such title is amended by striking “sec-
3 tions 12103, 12132, and 50501” and inserting “sec-
4 tions 12103 and 50501”.

5 (6) OPTIONAL REGULATORY MEASUREMENT.—
6 Section 14305(a)(6) of such title is amended by
7 striking “sections 12118 and 12132” and inserting
8 “section 12118”.

9 (7) COURT SALES OF UNDOCUMENTED VES-
10 SELS.—Section 31329(b) of such title is amended—

11 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “;” and
12 inserting “; and”;

13 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
14 and inserting a period; and

15 (C) by striking paragraph (3).

16 (8) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
17 tions for chapter 121 of title 46, United States
18 Code, is amended by striking the item relating to
19 section 12132.