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NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2010

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Mr. SKELTON, from the committee of conference,
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2647]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2647), to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

1 the vessel, crew, and cargo from unauthorized sei-
2 zure at sea.

3 “(B) The Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
4 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard
5 is operating shall jointly prescribe the non-lethal de-
6 fense measures that are required under this para-
7 graph.”.

8 **SEC. 3506. REPORT ON RESTRICTIONS ON UNITED STATES-**
9 **FLAGGED COMMERCIAL VESSEL SECURITY.**

10 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense
11 and the Secretary of State shall prepare and submit a
12 joint report to the appropriate congressional committees
13 not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act on actions within their respective departments
15 to—

16 (1) eliminate or reduce restrictions under any
17 regulation or provision of law on the carriage of
18 arms and use of armed security teams on United
19 States-flagged commercial vessels for purpose of self
20 defense in areas that are designated as being at a
21 high risk of piracy;

22 (2) negotiate bilateral agreements with coastal
23 states to allow United States-flagged commercial
24 vessels carrying United States Government cargos,
25 such as food aid, that must transit areas designated

1 as being at high risk of piracy, to enter the ports of
2 those coastal states while carrying arms or em-
3 barked armed security teams for the purpose of self-
4 defense; and

5 (3) establish common standards, in coordination
6 with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the
7 Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, for
8 the training and professional qualifications of armed
9 security teams.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
15 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-
16 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
17 the House of Representatives; and

18 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
19 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-
20 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
21 tation of the Senate.

22 (2) ARMED SECURITY TEAMS.—The term
23 “armed security teams” means security guards em-
24 ployed from the private sector for the purpose of
25 self-defense of the vessel.