

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 6649, With an
Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a
new text)**

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6649

To provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2012

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself and Mr. BERMAN) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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recipients.

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 “Naval Vessel Transfer
5 Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS TO CERTAIN FOR-**
2 **EIGN RECIPIENTS.**

3 (a) TRANSFERS BY GRANT.—The President is au-
4 thorized to transfer vessels to foreign countries on a grant
5 basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of
6 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j), as follows:

7 (1) MEXICO.—To the Government of Mexico,
8 the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile
9 frigates USS CURTS (FFG–38) and USS
10 MCCLUSKY (FFG–41).

11 (2) THAILAND.—To the Government of Thai-
12 land, the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided
13 missile frigates USS RENTZ (FFG–46) and USS
14 VANDEGRIFT (FFG–48).

15 (3) TURKEY.—To the Government of Turkey,
16 the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile
17 frigates USS HALYBURTON (FFG–40) and USS
18 THACH (FFG–43).

19 (b) TRANSFER BY SALE.—The President is author-
20 ized to transfer the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class
21 guided missile frigates USS TAYLOR (FFG–50), USS
22 GARY (FFG–51), USS CARR (FFG–52), and USS
23 ELROD (FFG–55) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural
24 Representative Office of the United States (which is the
25 Taiwan instrumentality designated pursuant to section
26 10(a) of the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3309(a)))

1 on a sale basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Con-
2 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

3 (c) ALTERNATIVE TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—Not-
4 withstanding the authority provided in subsections (a) and
5 (b) to transfer specific vessels to specific countries, the
6 President is authorized, subject to the same conditions
7 that would apply for such country under this Act, to trans-
8 fer any vessel named in this Act to any country named
9 in this Act such that the total number of vessels trans-
10 ferred to such country does not exceed the total number
11 of vessels authorized for transfer to such country by this
12 Act.

13 (d) GRANTS NOT COUNTED IN ANNUAL TOTAL OF
14 TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The value
15 of a vessel transferred to another country on a grant basis
16 pursuant to authority provided by subsection (a) or (c)
17 shall not be counted against the aggregate value of excess
18 defense articles transferred in any fiscal year under sec-
19 tion 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
20 2321j).

21 (e) COSTS OF TRANSFERS.—Any expense incurred by
22 the United States in connection with a transfer authorized
23 by this section shall be charged to the recipient notwith-
24 standing section 516(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
25 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(e)).

1 (f) REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED
2 STATES SHIPYARDS.—To the maximum extent prac-
3 ticable, the President shall require, as a condition of the
4 transfer of a vessel under this section, that the recipient
5 to which the vessel is transferred have such repair or re-
6 furbishment of the vessel as is needed, before the vessel
7 joins the naval forces of that recipient, performed at a
8 shipyard located in the United States, including a United
9 States Navy shipyard.

10 (g) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to
11 transfer a vessel under this section shall expire at the end
12 of the 3-year period beginning on the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act.