

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9543

To amend the Act of July 5, 1884 to permit the imposition of taxes on vessels operating as tourist accommodations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. IMPOSITION OF TAXES ON VESSELS OPER-**
4 **ATING AS TOURIST ACCOMMODATIONS.**

5 Section 4 of the Act of July 5, 1884 (33 U.S.C. 5),
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking “or”
2 at the end;

3 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(4) taxes on vessels operating as cruise ships,
7 or the passengers or crew of such vessels.”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(c) CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—Any non-Federal in-
10 terest may levy and collect any of the impositions in para-
11 graphs (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), and (b)(4) under clauses 2
12 and 3 of section 10, and under clause 3 of section 8, of
13 Article 1 of the Constitution.

14 “(d) CRUISE SHIP DEFINED.—In this section, the
15 term ‘cruise ship’ means any vessel that—

16 “(1) docks at any port in the United States;
17 and

18 “(2) charges a fee for and provides an accom-
19 modation or living quarter on such vessel to tran-
20 sients.”.

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