

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5573

To prohibit cargo vessels from idling or anchoring in the coastal waters of Southern California, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 12, 2021

Mrs. STEEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Stopping Hazardous
5 Incidents in the Pacific Act of 2021” or the “SHIP Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IDLING OF CARGO VESSELS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—No covered vessel operating in the
8 coastal waters of Southern California may idle or anchor
9 in such waters during the period beginning on the date
10 of enactment of this Act and ending on—

1 (1) the date that is 180 days after such date
2 of enactment; or

3 (2) the date on which the President determines
4 there is no longer a backlog of vessels at the Port
5 of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

7 (1) COASTAL WATERS OF SOUTHERN CALI-
8 FORNIA.—The term “coastal waters of Southern
9 California” means the waters of the contiguous zone
10 (as such term is defined in section 2.28 of title 33,
11 Code of Federal Regulations) of the Pacific Coast in
12 an area generally extending from latitude 34°27’N.
13 to 33°45’N.

14 (2) COVERED VESSEL.—The term “covered ves-
15 sel” means a vessel transporting cargo and does not
16 include a vessel that is owned or operated by the
17 armed forces (as such term is defined in section 101
18 of title 10, United States Code).

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