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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2658

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to evaluate the technological feasibility and environmental benefits of having tank vessels carry oil spill prevention and response technology.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 1993

Mr. TAUZIN (for himself and Mr. LANCASTER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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## 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. OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TECH-**  
4 **NOLOGY TEST AND EVALUATION PROGRAM.**

5 (a) Not later than 6 months after the date of enact-  
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall  
7 establish a program to evaluate the technological feasibil-  
8 ity and environmental benefits of having tank vessels carry

1 oil spill prevention and response technology. To implement  
2 the program the Secretary shall—

3 (1) publish in the Federal Register an invita-  
4 tion for submission of proposals including plans and  
5 procedures for testing; and

6 (2) review and evaluate technology using, to the  
7 maximum extent possible, existing evaluation and  
8 performance standards.

9 (b) The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent pos-  
10 sible, incorporate in the program established under sub-  
11 section (a), the results of existing studies and evaluations  
12 of oil spill prevention and response technology carried on  
13 tank vessels.

14 (c) Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall evaluate the results  
16 of the program established under subsection (a) and sub-  
17 mit a report to the Congress with recommendations on the  
18 feasibility and environmental benefits of, and appropriate  
19 equipment and utilization standards for, requiring tank  
20 vessels to carry oil spill prevention and response equip-  
21 ment.

22 (d) Not later than 6 months after the date of the  
23 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall evaluate and  
24 report to the Congress on the feasibility of using seg-

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- 1 regated ballast tanks for emergency transfer of cargo and
- 2 storage of recovered oil.

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