

Authorization bill provides \$8.4 billion to strengthen Coast Guard

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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today joined with a large bipartisan

The support for the Coast Guard came as a result of a vote on H.R. 2830, the Coast Guard

“The Coast Guard, as our nation’s oldest seagoing service, has a proud history of ensuring

“I am proud to support this legislation to provide additional resources to enable the Coast

The Coast Guard Authorization increases the authorized end-strength of the Coast Guard

The bill reinforces the national security missions of the Coast Guard, including:

- Protecting ports (such as the Port of Stockton), waterways, coastal security, and the
- Securing our borders against aliens seeking to unlawfully enter the United States; ill
- Preventing human smuggling operations at ports, waterways, and throughout the m
- Maintaining defense readiness to rapidly deploy defensive port operations and secu

It also takes a number of steps to bolster the Coast Guard’s missions to secure waterway

- Establishing an Assistant Commandant for Port and Waterways Security who will be

- Authorizing additional maritime security response teams. They give the Coast Guard
- Authorizing additional canine detection teams to help the Coast Guard interdict illegal
- Requiring cruise ship owners and operators to notify DHS of security incidents involving

The bill also requires that U.S. vessels carrying more than 600 cubic meters of oil have d

The text of the amendment Rep. McNerney offered to H.R. 2830 appears in its entirety be

The provisions of this bill governing the Marine Safety Mission of the Coast Guard shall n

- (A) protecting ports, waterways, coastal security, and the marine transportation system fr
- (B) securing our borders against aliens seeking to unlawfully enter the United States, illeg
- (C) preventing human smuggling operations at ports, waterways, and throughout the mar
- (D) maintaining defense readiness to rapidly deploy defensive port operations and secur
- (E) coordinating efforts and intelligence with Federal, state, and local agencies to deter, d
- (F) preventing Osama Bin Laden, al Qaeda, or any other terrorist or terrorist organization
- (G) protecting the United States or any United States person from threats posed by weap