

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA**

Add at the end of title IV, add the following:

1       **Subtitle C—Bringing Oligarch**  
2       **Accountability Through Seizure**

3       **SEC. 421. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This subtitle may be cited as the “Bringing Oligarch  
5       Accountability Through Seizure Act” or the “BOATS  
6       Act”.

7       **SEC. 422. PROHIBITION ON ENTRY AND OPERATION.**

8           (a) PROHIBITION.—

9               (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-  
10       vided in this section, no vessel described in sub-  
11       section (b) may enter or operate in the navigable  
12       waters of the United States or transfer cargo in any  
13       port or place under the jurisdiction of the United  
14       States.

15               (2) LIMITATIONS ON APPLICATION.—

16                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The prohibition under  
17       paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to—

18                       (i) a vessel described in subsection  
19                       (b)(1) if the Secretary of State determines  
20                       that—

1 (I) the vessel is owned or oper-  
2 ated by a Russian national or oper-  
3 ated by the government of the Rus-  
4 sian Federation; and

5 (II) it is in the national security  
6 interest not to apply the prohibition to  
7 such vessel; or

8 (B) NOTICE.—Not later than 15 days  
9 after making a determination under subpara-  
10 graph (A), the Secretary of State shall submit  
11 to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
12 Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-  
13 ture of the House of Representatives and the  
14 Committee on Foreign Relations and the Com-  
15 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
16 tation of the Senate written notice of the deter-  
17 mination and the basis upon which the deter-  
18 mination was made.

19 (C) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary of  
20 State shall publish a notice in the Federal Reg-  
21 ister of each determination made under sub-  
22 paragraph (A).

23 (b) VESSELS DESCRIBED.—A vessel referred to in  
24 subsection (a) is a vessel owned or operated by a Russian

1 national or operated by the government of the Russian  
2 Federation.

3 (c) INFORMATION AND PUBLICATION.—The Sec-  
4 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-  
5 erating, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State,  
6 shall—

7 (1) maintain timely information on the registra-  
8 tions of all foreign vessels owned or operated by or  
9 on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federa-  
10 tion, a Russian national, or a entity organized under  
11 the laws of the Russian Federation or any jurisdic-  
12 tion within the Russian Federation; and

13 (2) periodically publish in the Federal Register  
14 a list of the vessels described in paragraph (1).

15 (d) NOTIFICATION OF GOVERNMENTS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall  
17 notify each government, the agents or instrumental-  
18 ities of which are maintaining a registration of a for-  
19 eign vessel that is included on a list published under  
20 subsection (c)(2), not later than 30 days after such  
21 publication, that all vessels registered under such  
22 government's authority are subject to subsection (a).

23 (2) ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION.—In the case of  
24 a government that continues to maintain a registra-  
25 tion for a vessel that is included on such list after

1 receiving an initial notification under paragraph (1),  
2 the Secretary shall issue an additional notification to  
3 such government not later than 120 days after the  
4 publication of a list under subsection (c)(2).

5 (e) NOTIFICATION OF VESSELS.—Upon receiving a  
6 notice of arrival under section 70001(a)(5) of title 46,  
7 United States Code, from a vessel described in subsection  
8 (b), the Secretary of the department in which the Coast  
9 Guard is operating shall notify the master of such vessel  
10 that the vessel may not enter or operate in the navigable  
11 waters of the United States or transfer cargo in any port  
12 or place under the jurisdiction of the United States, un-  
13 less—

14 (1) the Secretary of State has made a deter-  
15 mination under subsection (a)(2); or

16 (2) the Secretary of the department in which  
17 the Coast Guard is operating allows provisional  
18 entry of the vessel, or transfer of cargo from the ves-  
19 sel, under subsection (f).

20 (f) PROVISIONAL ENTRY OR CARGO TRANSFER.—  
21 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the  
22 Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is  
23 operating may allow provisional entry of, or transfer of  
24 cargo from, a vessel, if such entry or transfer is necessary  
25 for the safety of the vessel or persons aboard.

1 **SEC. 423. SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF VESSEL; FINE AND**  
2 **IMPRISONMENT.**

3 If any owner, agent, master, officer, or person in  
4 charge, or any member of the crew of any such vessel fails  
5 to comply with any regulation or rule issued or order given  
6 under the provisions of this subtitle, or obstructs or inter-  
7 feres with the exercise of any power conferred by this sub-  
8 title—

9 (1) the vessel, together with the tackle, apparel,  
10 furniture, and equipment , shall be subject to seizure  
11 and forfeiture to the United States in the same  
12 manner as merchandise is forfeited for violation of  
13 the customs revenue laws; and

14 (2) the person guilty of such failure, obstruc-  
15 tion, or interference shall be punished by imprison-  
16 ment for not more than 50 years and fined not more  
17 than \$10,000,000,000.

18 **SEC. 424. AUCTION AND PROCEEDS OF VESSEL SEIZURE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any vessel seized and forfeited  
20 under section 422 shall be sold at auction to any entity  
21 that is not the Government of the Russian Federation, a  
22 Russian national, or a entity organized under the laws of  
23 the Russian Federation or any jurisdiction within the Rus-  
24 sian Federation. The proceeds of any such auction may  
25 only be used for humanitarian aid to Ukraine that is pro-

1 vided by a state that is a member of the North Atlantic  
2 Treaty Organization.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1) shall be effective  
4 until the earlier of—

5 (1) 1 year after the date of enactment of this  
6 Act; and

7 (2) the date on which the President certifies  
8 that the conflict between the Russian Federation  
9 and Ukraine has concluded.

