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CBP – transport of vessel equipment



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) included a notice on pages 11-12 of the current edition of its **Customs Bulletin and Decisions** newsletter stating that it has withdrawn its proposed modification and revocation of ruling letters relating to Customs application of the Jones Act to transportation of certain merchandise and equipment between coastwise points. The notice indicates that the agency intends to reconsider the matter. (5/10/17)
[https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2017-May/Vol_51_No_19_Title.pdf].

USCG – BWMS type-approval application received



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it has received its sixth application for Ballast Water Management System (BWMS) type-approval. To date, three systems have been approved and three are under consideration. (5/10/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/05/10/5102017-sixth-application-received-for-bwms-type-approval/>].

USCG – Offshore Training Symposium recap



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the Third Annual Offshore Training Symposium hosted by the Coast Guard. (5/10/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/05/10/5102017-3rd-annual-offshore-training-symposium-meeting-recap/>].

DOJ – foreign defense executives plead guilty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that two former executives of a foreign defense contractor pleaded guilty in federal court to participation in a conspiracy to submit bogus bids, claims, and invoices to the US Navy in an effort to steal tens of millions of dollars as part of a years-long corruption and fraud scheme. Both had worked for the Glenn Defense Marine Asia (GDMA) company. They now await sentencing. (5/9/17) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-former-executives-foreign-defense-contractor-plead-guilty-fraud-international-navy>].

House – bill introduced to ban Atlantic coast drilling



Representative Pallone (D-NJ) introduced the **Clean Ocean and Safe Tourism Anti-Drilling Act** (H.R. 2272) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas. (5/1/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr2272ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr2272ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re maritime workforce training



Representative Gene Green (D-TX) introduced the **Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence Act of 2017** (H. R. 2286) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to designate certain entities as centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and education, and for other purposes. Representative Green issued a **news release** explaining the measure. (5/2/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr2286ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr2286ih.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced to ban Arctic Ocean drilling



Senator Merkley (D-OR) introduced the **Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2017** (S. 991) to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Senator Merkley issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (5/1/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s991is/pdf/BILLS-115s991is.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced to ban Atlantic coast drilling



Senator Menendez (D-NJ) introduced the **Clean Ocean and Safe Tourism Anti-Drilling Act** (S. 999) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas. Senator Menendez issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (5/1/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s999is/pdf/BILLS-115s999is.pdf>].

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