A BILL

To authorize the transfer of an excess naval vessel to a certain foreign country.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF AN EXCESS NAVAL VESSEL TO A CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRY.

(a) TRANSFER BY GRANT.—The President is authorized to transfer to the Government of Bahrain the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile frigate ex-USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG-49) on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

(b) GRANT NOT COUNTED IN ANNUAL TOTAL OF TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The value of the vessel transferred to the Government of Bahrain on a grant basis pursuant to authority provided by subsection (a) shall not be counted against the aggregate value of excess defense articles transferred in any fiscal year under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

(c) COSTS OF TRANSFER.—Any expense incurred by the United States in connection with the transfer authorized by this section shall be charged to the Government of Bahrain notwithstanding section 516(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(e)).

(d) REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED STATES SHIPYARDS.—To the maximum extent practicable, the President shall require, as a condition of the transfer of a vessel under this section, that the Government of Bahrain have such repair or refurbishment of the vessel as is needed, before the vessel joins the naval forces of that country, performed at a shipyard located in the United States, including a United States Navy shipyard.

(e) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to transfer a vessel under this section shall expire at the end of the three-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would authorize the President to transfer one OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile frigate by grant to Bahrain. Because this naval vessel displaces in excess of 3,000 tons or is less than 20 years of age, statutory approval for the transfer is required under section 7307(a) of title 10, United States Code.

Section 1(a) would authorize the transfer under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j), which provides the general authority for the grant transfer of excess defense articles from stock.

In accordance with section 7307(a) of title 10, for the vessel specifically authorized for transfer by name in section 1(a) of this proposal, the Secretary of Defense may substitute another vessel of the same class if the vessel substituted has virtually identical capabilities as the named vessel.

Section 1(b) would provide that the value of the naval vessel authorized for transfer by grant by this proposal would not be included in determining the aggregate value of transferred excess defense articles.

Section 1(c) would provide for Bahrain to be charged with any expense incurred by the United States in connection with the transfer.

Section 1(d) would provide that, to the maximum extent practicable, any necessary repair or refurbishment of the vessel to be transferred shall be performed in a United States shipyard.

Section 1(e) would provide that the transfer authority provided by this proposal may only be used within three years of the date of enactment of the Act of which this proposal is a part.

Budget Implications: Under this proposal, the cost to transfer a vessel and the cost of repair and refurbishment of the vessel would be funded by Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case funding; there would be no cost to the United States. The Department of Defense estimates it would cost $79,000 per year to maintain, rather than transfer, the excess naval vessel considered in this proposal in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Therefore, this proposal would represent a cost avoidance. This proposal is funded in the FY 2019 President's Budget request.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($THOUSANDS)									
	FY 2019	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**	**Appropriation To**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**

Navy	-32	-33	-34	-35	-37	Operation and Maintenance, Navy	02	2B2G	0708017N
Total	-32	-33	-34	-35	-37	--	--	--	--

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would not change the text of any current law.