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Arctic Deep Water Sea Port Act of 2009 (Introduced in Senate)

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111th CONGRESS

1st Session

S. 2849

To require a study and report on the feasibility and potential of establishing a deep water sea port in the Arctic to protect and advance strategic United States interests within the evolving and ever more important region.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

December 8, 2009

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To require a study and report on the feasibility and potential of establishing a deep water sea port in the Arctic to protect and advance strategic United States interests within the evolving and ever more important region.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the `Arctic Deep Water Sea Port Act of 2009'.

SEC. 2. REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ARCTIC DEEP WATER PORT.

- (a) Study-
 - (1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall conduct a study on the feasibility and potential of establishing a deep water sea port in the Arctic to protect and advance strategic United States interests within the evolving and ever more important Arctic region.
 - (2) SCOPE- The study required under paragraph (1) shall address the following issues:
 - (A) The capability that such a port would provide.
 - (B) Potential and optimum locations for such a port.
 - (C) Resources needed to establish such a port.
 - (D) The time frame needed to establish such a port.
 - (E) The infrastructure required to support such a port, including Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) facilities, health care facilities, barracks and housing, airfield and pier support, and operations facilities.
 - (F) Any other issues the Secretary determines necessary to complete the study.
- (b) Report- Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the findings of

the study conducted under subsection (a).

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