



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

JUL 24 2007

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We are pleased to re-transmit for introduction and referral to the appropriate committees a bill, "To amend the R.M.S. Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 to implement the International Agreement Concerning the Shipwrecked Vessel RMS Titanic."

Specifically, this legislation will implement an agreement with the United Kingdom, France and Canada called for by Congress in the RMS Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 (Titanic Memorial Act), and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. Consistent with the Titanic Memorial Act and with the Ocean Action Plan of the current Administration, the agreement and legislation will designate the RMS Titanic wreck site as an international maritime memorial to those who lost their lives in its tragic sinking, and will serve to protect the wreck site from looting, unauthorized salvage and other potentially harmful activities.

The United Kingdom signed the agreement in November 2003 and, at the same time, enacted implementing legislation. The attached agreement will enter into force when two or more nations have ratified or accepted it; once in force, it applies to each subsequent country upon ratification, acceptance, or accession. The United States signed the agreement on June 18, 2004, subject to acceptance. Once implementing legislation is enacted, the United States intends to deposit its acceptance and the agreement will become effective for the U.S.

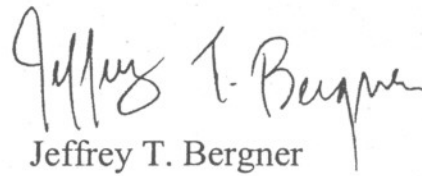
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The Honorable
Richard B. Cheney,
President of the Senate.

The Administration urges you to enact this legislation as soon as possible. The Department of State and other interested departments and agencies would also welcome the opportunity to brief you on the agreement and draft implementing legislation.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that enactment of this bill would be in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey T. Bergner
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Enclosures:
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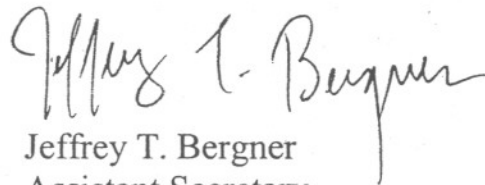
The Honorable

Tom Lantos, Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives.

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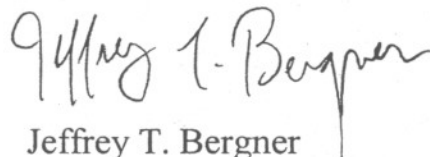
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The Honorable
Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Chairman,
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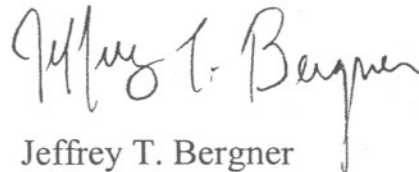
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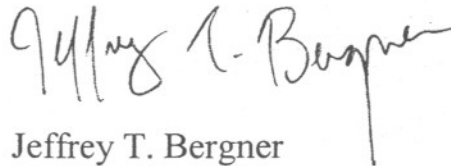
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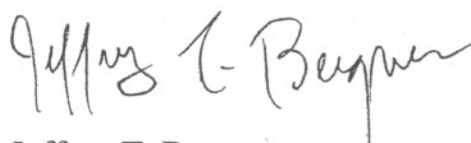
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The Honorable
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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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