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By Mr. HEINZ:

S. 2151. A bill to permit the transfer of the obsolete submarine U.S.S. *Requin* to the Carnegie Institute in Philadelphia, PA. before the expiration of the 60-day waiting period that would otherwise be applicable to the transfer; to the Committee on Armed Services.

TRANSFER OF OBSOLETE SUBMARINE "U.S.S. REQUIN"

• Mr. HEINZ. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will waive the 60-day congressional waiting period for the transfer of the submarine *Requin* to the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, PA.

With the Secretary of the Navy's recent approval of transferring this submarine, waiving the standard 60-day waiting period will permit *Requin* to begin its journey from Tampa, FL to Pittsburgh during the early spring. Speeding up this process is vital to the museum's receiving the submarine because its river trip must be made when the waters of the Mississippi and Ohio are at their highest level. The next few months provide the only time of the year when the 312-foot submarine will be able to negotiate the rivers and maneuver through the locks from the Gulf of Mexico to the mouth of the Ohio.

The *Requin* has been moored in the Hillsborough River in Tampa since 1972 and the city is no longer interested in keeping the 1945 *Tench*-class submarine. Its availability could not be more timely for the Carnegie Institute. When it arrives in Pittsburgh, it will float in the Ohio River as part of the new Carnegie Science Center providing visitors the unique opportunity to see the workings of a World War II

era submarine.

The *Requin* was launched from Portsmouth, NH on January 1, 1945, and later commissioned on April 28, 1945. While enroute to Guam, she was ordered back to the Atlantic when World War II ended. Following several months with Submarine Squadron 4 near Key West, she returned to Portsmouth and was converted to a radar picket submarine. For the next 25 years she served with distinction as a part of our submarine fleet.

The *Requin's* extensive operations with the Second and Sixth Fleets took her north of the Arctic Circle and on a cruise around the South American continent, from the Caribbean to the Mediterranean, and throughout the Atlantic Ocean. On December 3, 1968, at the conclusion of her active service, the *Requin* was decommissioned and was sent to St. Petersburg, FL, where she served as a Naval Reserve Training ship until struck from the Navy list in December 1971.

The *Requin* now has the opportunity to continue serving the Nation in a new role as part of the Carnegie Science Center. I look forward to her arrival along the banks of the Ohio River and urge my colleagues to support this legislation permitting the *Requin* to soon become part of the Carnegie Science Center.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed into the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed into the RECORD as follows:

S. 2151

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

SECTION 1. WAIVER OF WAITING PERIOD

Clauses (2) and (3) of Section 7308(c) of title 10, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to the transfer by the Secretary of the Navy under 7308(a) of such title of the obsolete submarine U.S.S. *Requin* to the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for use by the Carnegie Institute in connection with the Carnegie Institute Science Center in Pittsburgh. •