

1 “(3) MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet not
2 less frequently than quarterly.

3 “(4) STAFF.—The Board may hire staff to sup-
4 port its activities.

5 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of
7 fiscal years 2025 through 2034, from the Maritime Secu-
8 rity Trust Fund established under section 9512 of the In-
9 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 to the Maritime Security
10 Board to staff the Board and carry out the duties de-
11 scribed in this section.

12 “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the President establishes the Maritime Security
15 Board under this section, and annually thereafter,
16 the Board shall submit a report to the appropriate
17 committees of Congress describing—

18 “(A) the actions that the Board has taken
19 to carry out the duties required of the Board
20 under subsection (b)(2); and

21 “(B) a list of recommended actions that
22 the Board recommends Congress take to en-
23 hance the strength of the United States mari-
24 time industry and support the economic and na-
25 tional security needs of the United States;.

1 “(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate com-
3 mittees of Congress’ has the meaning given that
4 term in section 4 of the SHIPS for America Act of
5 2024.”.

6 (b) CLARIFICATION; TRANSITION.—

7 (1) CLARIFICATION.—The activities of the
8 United States Committee on the Marine Transpor-
9 tation System shall be carried out by the Maritime
10 Security Board.

11 (2) TRANSITION.—The Secretary of Transpor-
12 tation, shall take such steps as may be necessary for
13 the orderly transition from the United States Com-
14 mittee on the Marine Transportation System sup-
15 ported pursuant to section 50401 of title 46, United
16 States Code, as in effect on the day the before the
17 date of enactment of this Act, to the Maritime Secu-
18 rity Board.

19 (c) NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY.—Section
20 50114 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) by striking subsection (a), and inserting the
22 following:

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
25 the Maritime Security Advisor, in consultation with

1 the Maritime Security Board, shall develop a Na-
2 tional Maritime Strategy and submit that National
3 Maritime Strategy to the appropriate committees of
4 Congress (as that term is defined in section 4 of the
5 SHIPS for America Act of 2024).

6 “(2) TRANSITION.—Notwithstanding paragraph
7 (1), if a national maritime strategy has been devel-
8 oped and submitted in accordance with this section,
9 as in effect on the day before the date of enactment
10 of the SHIPS for America Act of 2024, in the 1-
11 year period before such date of enactment, the Mari-
12 time Security Advisor shall implement and update
13 that national maritime strategy and shall not de-
14 velop a new national maritime strategy.”; and

15 (2) by striking subsections (c) and (d) and in-
16 serting the following:

17 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Upon the release of a strat-
18 egy under this section, the Maritime Security Advisor, in
19 consultation with the Maritime Security Board, shall be
20 responsible for implementing the contents and rec-
21 ommendations of the strategy.

22 “(d) UPDATE.—The Maritime Security Advisor, in
23 coordination with the Maritime Security Board, shall sub-
24 mit to the appropriate committees of Congress (as that
25 term is defined in section 4 of the SHIPS for America