

1   trator or the Secretary of Defense with respect to this sec-  
2   tion.

3   **“§ 59104. International agreements**

4           “(a) IN GENERAL.—To support the Secretary of De-  
5   fense and the Secretary of Transportation in building, ac-  
6   quiring, maintaining, coordinating, supporting, and oper-  
7   ating a fleet with sealift capability under this part, the  
8   Maritime Administrator, in coordination with the Sec-  
9   retary of State and the Secretary of Defense, shall identify  
10  opportunities to establish and update agreements with  
11  treaty allies and strategic partners of the United States  
12  to—

13           “(1) meet wartime sealift requirements of such  
14   allies and partners;

15           “(2) augment the strategic sealift capabilities of  
16   the United States during crisis and war; and

17           “(3) support the maritime industries of both  
18   the United States and treaty allies and strategic  
19   partners.

20           “(b) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2025, the  
21  Maritime Administrator, in coordination with the Sec-  
22  retary of State and the Secretary of Defense, shall provide  
23  to Congress an evaluation of the status of agreements de-  
24  scribed in subsection (a), including—

1 “(1) an assessment of international agreements  
2 described in such subsection and recommendations  
3 for updating such agreements to reflect the global  
4 security environment; and

5 “(2) an assessment of the extent to which such  
6 international agreements include the vessels owned  
7 by citizens of these treaty allies and strategic part-  
8 ners.

9 **“§ 59105. Briefing on shipbuilding capacity**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2025,  
11 the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of De-  
12 fense shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress  
13 on the capacity of the United States shipbuilding industry  
14 to meet peacetime and wartime requirements to build,  
15 maintain, and repair a fleet of vessels of the United States  
16 capable of providing strategic sealift.

17 “(b) CONTENTS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In briefing the appropriate  
19 committees of Congress under subsection (a), the  
20 Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of  
21 Defense shall include an assessment and rec-  
22 ommendations for improving the critical shipbuilding  
23 infrastructure, workforce recruitment, development,  
24 and retention, and critical supply chains and critical  
25 repair parts of the United States, including ways in

1 which allies and partners can contribute or share  
2 best practices.

3 “(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Maritime Secu-  
4 rity Advisor shall, in addition to the assessment  
5 under paragraph (1), provide an assessment on the  
6 effects of the Goldwater-Nichols Department of De-  
7 fense Reorganization Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–  
8 433) and how implementation of such Act may af-  
9 fect shipbuilding processes of the Department of the  
10 Navy.

11 **“§ 59106. Briefing on privileging fleet**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2025,  
13 the Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the  
14 Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State,  
15 the Secretary of Commerce, and the Federal Maritime  
16 Commission, shall brief the appropriate committees of  
17 Congress on available options for establishing privileges  
18 for vessels of the United States operating in foreign com-  
19 merce.

20 “(b) CONTENTS.—In briefing Congress under sub-  
21 section (a), the Secretary of Transportation shall provide  
22 recommendations for potential incentives for civil, com-  
23 mercial, and government entities, including allies and  
24 partners, to ship goods on vessels of the United States.