

United States Customs officials who participated in Operation C-Chase.

(c) **TRANSMITTAL.**—The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit copies of this section to President Reagan, Commissioner von Raab, and Special Agent Tischler.

Subtitle L—Coast Guard Drug Law Enforcement

SEC. 7401. AUTHORITY AND PROTECTION OF COMMANDING OFFICERS ON NAVAL VESSELS TO WHICH COAST GUARD PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 637 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 637. Stopping vessels; immunity for firing at or into vessel

“(a) Whenever any vessel liable to seizure or examination does not stop on being ordered to do so or on being pursued by an authorized vessel or authorized aircraft which has displayed the ensign, pennant, or other identifying insignia prescribed for an authorized vessel or authorized aircraft, the person in command or in charge of the authorized vessel or authorized aircraft may, after a gun has been fired by the authorized vessel or authorized aircraft as a warning signal, fire at or into the vessel which does not stop.

“(b) The person in command of an authorized vessel or authorized aircraft and all persons acting under that person’s direction shall be indemnified from any penalties or actions for damages for firing at or into a vessel pursuant to subsection (a). If any person is killed or wounded by the firing, and the person in command of the authorized vessel or authorized aircraft or any person acting pursuant to their orders is prosecuted or arrested therefor, they shall be forthwith admitted to bail.

“(c) A vessel or aircraft is an authorized vessel or authorized aircraft for purposes of this section if—

“(1) it is a Coast Guard vessel or aircraft; or

“(2) it is a surface naval vessel on which one or more members of the Coast Guard are assigned pursuant to section 379 of title 10.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The item relating to section 637 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“637. Stopping vessels; immunity for firing at or into vessel.”

SEC. 7402. MARITIME DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS.

(a) **SECTION 3(a) AMENDMENT.**—Section 3(a) of the Act entitled “An Act to facilitate increased enforcement by the Coast Guard of laws relating to the importation of controlled substances, and for other purposes”, approved September 15, 1980 (46 U.S.C. App. 1903(a)), is amended by inserting after “jurisdiction of the United States,” the following: “or who is a citizen of the United States or a resident alien of the United States on board any vessel,”.

(b) **SECTION 3(b) AMENDMENT.**—Section 3(b)(2) of such Act (46 U.S.C. App. 1903(b)(2)) is amended by inserting after “High Seas” the following: “and a claim of nationality or registry for the vessel is made by the master or individual in charge at the time of the