Page 409, strike lines 12 through 17 and insert the following:

“(h)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary of the Navy may not make available for tasking by an operational commander any vessel, including any forward deployed naval vessel, until the Commander of Surface Forces Atlantic submits to the Commander of the United States Fleet Forces Command, or the Commander of Surface Forces Pacific submits to the Commander of the United States Pacific Fleet, as appropriate based on the region to which such vessel is proposed to be tasked, certification that such surface vessel is properly manned, trained, and equipped.

“(2) The Commander of the United States Fleet Forces Command or the Commander of the United States Pacific Fleet may request, and the Secretary of the Navy shall grant, a waiver of paragraph (1) with respect to a vessel if—

“(A) the Commander determines that operational requirements necessitate such waiver; and
“(B) the Secretary of the Navy submits to the congressional defense committees notice of the waiver by not later than 30 days after the date on which the waiver is issued.”