

from such vessel". (Section 204(c) of the TAPA Act.) For detailed and authoritative information on the provisions of this Act, reference should be made to the Act (Public Law 93-153) and regulations adopted by the USA authorities pursuant to the Act.

29. A bill is currently before the USA Congress for enactment of a "Comprehensive Oil Pollution Liability and Compensation Act" (COPLCA Act). The new act, which would supersede and in some respects consolidate the provisions of the TAPA Act within a liability régime applicable throughout USA waters, provides for the establishment of a \$200 million fund. The bill has gone through several versions and changes in the course of consideration by Congress. It has also been the subject of detailed discussions between Canada and USA officials and it is noted that a number of Canadian comments and concerns have been taken into account by the USA authorities. Of major concern for Canada in the current COPLCA bill has been a provision in a recent version of the bill which, if enacted, would make substantive changes to the compensation arrangements presently available to Canadian claimants under the TAPA Act. This provision would make the assertion of a claim by a Canadian citizen under the COPLCA Act subject to a requirement of reciprocity, whereby it would have to be established that Canada provides a comparable remedy for USA claimants. Canada has expressed concern to the USA authorities about this provision and has reiterated the view that compensation for damages suffered by Canadian claimants