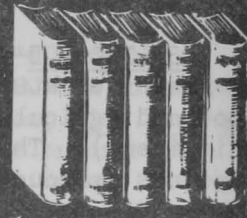




FEDERAL ACTIONS



Eighty-first Congress (First Session)

AUGUST 1949

Listed below are all the public bills, resolutions, etc., introduced and referred to committees, or passed by the Eighty-First Congress and signed by the President during August 1949 (unless otherwise specified), which affect in any way the fisheries and fishing and allied industries.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

House of Representatives:

- H. R. 5867 (Tollefson) - A bill authorizing certain works for the improvement of navigation, the control of floods, and the conservation and utilization of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Works.
- H. R. 5896 (Sheppard) - A bill to provide for research, studies, investigations and experimentations into the problems of aquatic weed and other water plant infestations; to the Committee on Agriculture.
- H. R. 5967 (Donohue) - A bill to raise the minimum wage standards of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; to the Committee on Education and Labor.
- H. R. 6000 (Doughton) - A bill to extend and improve the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance System, to amend the public assistance and child welfare provisions of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means. (Coverage for the fisheries in the present Social Security Act includes "service performed in connection with the catching or taking of salmon or halibut, for commercial purposes, and service performed on or in connection with a vessel of more than ten net tons ..." but this bill adds self-employed individuals if "net earnings for the taxable year are less than \$400.")
- H. R. 6063 (Peterson) - A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a research and development program with respect to natural sponges; to the Committee on Public Lands.
- H. R. 6064 (Peterson) - A bill providing for a study by the Bureau of Standards of the relative merits of natural and synthetic sponges; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

The following bills introduced prior to August 1, 1949, were not previously reported under this section:

- H. R. 4880 (Scudder) - A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 1948 by adding thereto a new section to establish an average parity price for fats and oils and to aid in maintaining such parity price to producers; to the Committee on Agriculture. (Introduced May 26, 1949.)

H. R. 5804 (McDonough) - A bill to prohibit the establishment of a valley authority in any State that would be substantially affected thereby until the people of the affected areas of such State have voted affirmatively for such valley authority; to the Committee on Public Works.

Senate:

S. 2489 (Pepper and Holland) - A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a research and development program with respect to natural sponges; to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

S. 2490 (Pepper and Holland) - A bill providing for a study by the Bureau of Standards of the relative merits of natural and synthetic sponges; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

RATIFICATION OF THREE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES:

Treaties ratified by the Senate on August 17 include the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (Executive N), the Convention Between the United States and Mexico for Establishment of an International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna (Executive K), and the Convention Between the United States and Costa Rica for the Establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (Executive P).

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Investigation of Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the United States:

H. Res. 122 (Bland) - Investigations, Merchant Marine and Fisheries, funds (H. Res. 215). Passed the House on April 1, 1949.

H. Res. 215 (Bland) - Investigating certain matters pertaining to the merchant marine and fisheries of the United States. Passed the House on May 31, 1949.

H. Res. 233 (Bland) - Authorizing expenses of conducting investigation of certain matters pertaining to the merchant marine and fisheries of the United States. (H. Res. 215) Passed the House on June 23, 1949.

Alaska Delegate to Serve on Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee:

H. Res. 294 (Bland) - To amend the Rules of the House to provide that the Delegate from Alaska shall serve on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Passed the House on August 2, 1949.

BILLS PASSED AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT:

Shad and Sea Lamprey Investigations; and Fish Culture and Hatcheries:

H. R. 2740 (P. L. 249), Signed August 18, 1949 - Sec. 1 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to establish and construct rearing ponds and a fish hatchery in the vicinity of Millen, Georgia, and in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, at a cost of not to exceed \$250,000 and \$350,000, respectively; to rehabilitate and expand the rearing ponds and facilities at the fish cultural station at Cape Vincent, New York, at a cost not to exceed \$70,000; and to rehabilitate and place in efficient operating condition the rearing ponds and cultural facilities at Leadville, Colorado, at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.

Sec. 2 authorizes the Secretary to undertake, through the Fish and Wildlife Service, a comprehensive and continuing study of the shad

of the Atlantic Coast for the purpose of recommending to the Atlantic Coast States, through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, measures to be taken to arrest decline, increase the abundance, and promote the wisest utilization of such shad resources at a cost of not to exceed \$75,000 per annum for a six-year period.

Sec. 3 amends joint resolution of August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 930) and authorizes and directs the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service to prosecute investigations of the abundance and distribution of sea lampreys and their effects on fishes, experiments to develop control measures, and a program for the elimination and eradication of sea lamprey populations of the Great Lakes; survey of the Great Lakes area to determine fish hatchery locations, if and when establishment becomes necessary; and report to Congress not later than December 31, 1950. Cost of this section shall not exceed \$359,000 for the first year and the sum of \$216,000 per annum thereafter.

Sec. 4 authorizes the necessary funds required under this Act. (Omnibus bill on fisheries which incorporated H. R. 961, H. R. 2501, H. R. 3046, and H. J. Res. 202.)

Transfer of Vessel "Black Mallard" to State of Louisiana:

H. R. 5365 (P. L. 237), Signed August 16, 1949 - Authorizes transfer of vessel Black Mallard to State of Louisiana for use and benefit of Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of such State.

Transportation on Canadian Vessels in Alaska:

H. R. 2634 (P. L. 258), Signed August 22, 1949 - To provide transportation of passengers and merchandise on Canadian vessels between Skagway, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, between Haines, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, and between Hyder, Alaska, and other points in Alaska or the continental United States, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the transportation.



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