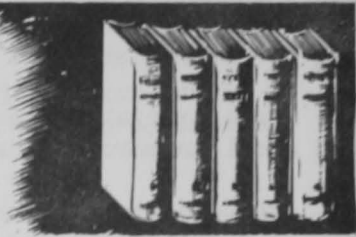




FEDERAL ACTIONS



Department of Commerce

BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE

ALLOCATION ORDER M-81 RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF TIN IN CANS EASED: Elimination of special quota restrictions on the amount of tin which may be used in the manufacture of beer and animal food cans was announced March 14 by the Department of Commerce and as reported in the Federal Register of March 19, 1949. Other changes in the Department's Allocation Order M-81 designed to simplify problems of can manufacturers and packers, also are made in an amendment effective immediately.

It was emphasized by the Department that the changes do not affect the limitation on tin consumption in the over-all manufacture of cans. The order still provides that "during the first six months of 1949, in making cans, no person shall use more than 50 percent of the tin in the form of tinplate coating than was contained in the tinplate he received during 1947 for making cans."

Amendment of M-81, in addition to the changes with regard to manufacture of beer and animal food cans, provides for:

- (1) Use of quarter-pound tinplate for the non-soldered parts of cans for certain food products on which use of tinplate in these parts previously had been prohibited. This change is expected to benefit many small packers who have experienced hardship as the result of corrosion of can ends as previously made.
- (2) Addition of scallops to the list of fish products which may be packed in tinplate cans. This product was not included in the original permitted list, since it had never been packed in cans. Several sea-food packers, however, now wish to do this.

SCHEDULES

§ 338.45 *Schedule I; can specifications.* Columns (2) and (3) specify the weights of tinplate or terneplate which may be used for the soldered, welded and non-soldered parts of cans for the products listed in Column (1).

Any person may use for packing a listed product blackplate cans or cans with a tin coating lighter than that specified for that product.

Wherever 0.25 electrolytic tinplate is specified, SCMT may be used. When only a figure is given in Column (2) or (3), this means that tinplate may be used for the part, and the figure given indicates the maximum weight of tin coating per single base box.

Menders arising in the production of 0.50 electrolytic tinplate, which have been

hotdipped with a maximum tin coating of 1.25 pounds per base box, may be used wherever 0.50 or heavier tinplate is specified in these columns. Menders arising in the production of 0.25 electrolytic tinplate which have been converted into SCMT may be used wherever 0.25 or heavier tinplate is specified in this order for nonfood cans.	105. Fish roe.....	.50	.50
	106. Herring, Atlantic Sea, including sardines:		
	a. Round cans.....	.50	.50
	b. Oblong cans.....	1.25	.50
	c. Oval cans.....	1.25	1.25
	107. Herring, Pacific Sea.....	.50	.50
	108. Herring, river, including alewives.....	.50	.50
	109. Lobster.....	.50	.50
	110. Mackerel.....	.50	.50
	111. Menhaden.....	.50	.50
	112. Mullet.....	.50	.50
	113. Mussels.....	.50	.50
	114. Oysters.....	.50	.50
	115. Pilehards, including sardines:		
	a. Round cans.....	.50	.50
	b. Oblong cans.....	1.50	1.25
	c. Oval cans.....	1.25	1.25
	116. Salmon.....	1.25	.50
	117. Scallops.....	.50	.50
	118. Shad.....	.50	.50
	119. Shrimp.....	.50	.50
	120. Shrimp, fresh cooked Alaska refrigerated.....	1.25	.50
	121. Squid.....	.50	.50
	122. Tuna.....	.50	.50
	123. Turtle.....	.50	.50
<i>Fish and shellfish (processed and in hermetically sealed cans)</i>			
94. Anchovies.....	.50	.50	
95. Caviar.....	.50	.50	
96. Clams.....	.50	.50	
97. Codfish cakes.....	.50	.50	
98. Crabmeat.....	.50	.50	
99. Crawfish.....	.50	.50	
100. Eels.....	.50	.50	
101. Finnan haddock.....	.50	.50	
102. Fish flakes.....	.50	.50	
103. Fish, ground.....	.50	.50	
104. Fish livers and fish liver oils.....	1.25	1.25	

Interstate Commerce Commission

TRANSPORTATION OF SHRIMP BY QUALIFIED UNLICENSED TRUCKS: The Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in reply to an inquiry from the Associate Solicitor of the Department of Agriculture concerning the decision in the Chester Morton Love Case, 77 F. Supp. 63, stated on March 14:

"The Commission has concluded that it will not seek review of this decision and will attempt to follow it nation-wide, so far as concerns the transportation of shrimp."

As a result of this action, shrimp may now be transported by motor vehicles not licensed by the Interstate Commerce Commission if such motor vehicles are not used for carrying for compensation any passengers or property other than exempt property as defined in Section 203 (b) (6) of the Motor Carriers Act and subsequent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.



Eighty-first Congress

MARCH 1949

PUBLIC BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEES: Listed below are all the public bills and joint resolutions introduced and referred to committees by the Eighty-First Congress during March 1949 which affect in any way the fisheries and fishing and allied industries. The bills are listed in the order in which they were introduced:

House of Representatives:

- H. R. 3190 (Lesinski) - A bill to provide for the amendment of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.
- H. R. 3206 (Phillips of Calif.) - A bill to confirm and establish the titles of the State to lands beneath navigable waters within State boundaries and natural resources within such lands and waters and to provide for the use and control of said lands and resources; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3243 (Holifield) - A bill to confirm and establish the titles of the States to lands beneath navigable waters within State boundaries and natural resources within such lands and waters and to provide for the use and control of said lands and resources; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3387 (Anderson of Calif.) - Same as H. R. 3243; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3389 (Hinshaw) - Same as H. R. 3243; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3390 (Johnson) - Same as H. R. 3243; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3398 (Sheppard) - Same as H. R. 3243; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3415 (Allen of Calif.) - Same as H. R. 3206; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

- H. R. 3421 (Jackson of Wash.) - A bill to grant to fishermen's cooperatives the same exemption from income tax as is allowed to farmers' cooperatives; to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- H. R. 3442 (Jackson of Calif.) - Same as H. R. 3206; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3484 (Scudder) - Same as H. R. 3206; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3591 (Werdel) - Same as H. R. 3206; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3605 (Rogers of Fla.) - A bill to provide for the documentation of the Canadian-built vessel North Wind owned by a citizen of the United States in order that it may be operated as a commercial fishing vessel; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.
- H. R. 3636 (Horan) - A bill to establish a Columbia Interstate Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Works.
- H. R. 3655 (Poulson) - Same as H. R. 3206; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3779 (Engle) - Same as H. R. 3206; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 3838 (Report No. 324) (Kirwan, from the Committee on Appropriations) - A bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and for other purposes; to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.
- H. Res. 147 (Thompson) - Resolved, That the Secretary of State be, and he hereby is, requested to cause an immediate study to be made of the effect on the domestic fishing industry of increasing imports of fresh-water and salt-water fresh and frozen fish, especially groundfish, fillets, into the United States; and, with the advice of and in coordination with appropriate executive departments and independent agencies of the Government to recommend the means by which the United States fishing industry may survive and be saved harmless against the incursions of foreign-caught and foreign-processed fish; and that, because of the urgency of the situation, he be requested to make his report and recommendation to the House of Representatives not later than May 15, 1949; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.
- H. Res. 155 (Bates of Mass.) - Resolution to investigate costs of production on domestic and foreign fresh and frozen groundfish fillets; to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- H. Res. 174 (Weichel) - Resolution requesting the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Tariff Commission to investigate the domestic fishing industry; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.
- H. J. Res. 202 (Potter) - Joint resolution to amend the act of August 8, 1946, relating to investigation and eradication of predatory sea lampreys of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Senate:

- S. Res. 88 (Tydings) - Resolved, That the Senate Committee on Armed Services, or any duly authorized sub-committee thereof, is authorized and directed to conduct a full and complete study and investigation to determine what legislation may be appropriate to define and delimit the territorial waters of the United States, which definition shall (a) be consistent with the sovereignty of the several States and the international rights and obligations of the United States (b) give due regard to the requirements of the national defense, of commerce, and of the conservation, development, and utilization

of the resources of the marginal seas, and (c) observe the constitutional rights of the several States in their relationship to the national economy and the national defense. The committee shall report its findings, together with its recommendations for such legislation as it may deem advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practicable date.

Sec. 2. For the purposes of this resolution, the committee, or any duly authorized sub-committee thereof, is authorized to employ upon a temporary basis such technical, clerical, and other assistants as it deems advisable. The expenses of the committee under this resolution, which shall not exceed \$35,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the Chairman of the committee; to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 92 (Brewster) - Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, requested to cause an immediate study to be made of--(1) the differences in the costs of domestic production of fresh and frozen fish, especially groundfish fillets, and the costs of foreign production of similar fish; and (2) the effect on the domestic fishing industry of increasing imports of fresh and frozen fish, especially groundfish fillets, into the United States, and with the advice of, and in coordination with, the Department of State, the Department of Agriculture, the United States Tariff Commission, the Bureau of Customs of the Department of the Treasury, and other appropriate executive departments and independent agencies of the Government to recommend means by which the United States fishing industry may survive and be saved harmless against the inroads of foreign-caught and foreign-processed fish; and that, because of the urgency of the situation, he be and hereby is requested to make his report and recommendation to the Senate within 30 days after the adoption of this resolution; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

MEMORIALS PRESENTED AND REFERRED:

House of Representatives:

Memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, urging legislation to require the canned-salmon industry to employ certain percentages of resident fishermen over a period of years; to the Committee on Public Lands.

TREATY PRESENTED:

Senate:

Treaty Between U. S. and Mexico for Establishment of an International Commission for the Investigation of Tuna (Exec. K), was received and referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, ETC. PASSED, AND OTHER ACTION:

House of Representatives:

H. Res. 124, Adopted, Commercial Fishing: Making in order the consideration of H. R. 2363, a bill granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact relating to the better utilization of the fisheries of the Gulf coast and creating the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. Then, by unanimous consent, the House proceeded to consider an identical Senate measure (S. J. Res. 42) which was passed with a perfecting amendment. H. R. 2363 was tabled.

