

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, S. 283, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 283

AN ACT

To require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Illegal Red Snapper
5 and Tuna Enforcement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFYING COUNTRY OF**
7 **ORIGIN OF SEAFOOD.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
10 trator” means the Administrator of the National
11 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

1 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
5 and Transportation of the Senate; and

6 (B) the Committee on Science, Space, and
7 Technology, the Committee on Transportation
8 and Infrastructure, and the Committee on Nat-
9 ural Resources of the House of Representatives.

10 (3) ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, OR UNREGULATED
11 FISHING; IUU FISHING.—The terms “illegal, unre-
12 ported, or unregulated fishing” and “IUU fishing”
13 mean “illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing” as
14 such term is defined for purposes of section 609(e)
15 of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Pro-
16 tection Act (16 U.S.C. 1826j(e)).

17 (4) KEY AGENCY LEADERSHIP.—The term “key
18 agency leadership” means the Administrator and the
19 Under Secretary, in consultation with the Commis-
20 sioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and
21 the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

22 (5) RED SNAPPER.—The term “red snapper”
23 means the species *Lutjanus campechanus*.

24 (6) TUNA.—The term “tuna” means the fol-
25 lowing species of tuna:

1 (A) Bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*).

2 (B) Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*).

3 (C) Bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*).

4 (7) UNDER SECRETARY.—The term “Under
5 Secretary” means the Under Secretary of Commerce
6 for Standards and Technology.

7 (b) STANDARD METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFICA-
8 TION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Key agency leadership shall
10 jointly develop a standard methodology, based on
11 chemical analysis, for identifying the country of ori-
12 gin of seafood to support enforcement against IUU
13 fishing and seafood fraud.

14 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Key agency leadership
15 shall ensure that the methodology developed under
16 this subsection—

17 (A) is consistent with the needs of Federal
18 and State law enforcement agencies in com-
19 bating IUU fishing and seafood fraud;

20 (B) minimizes processing time;

21 (C) involves the use of a field kit that can
22 be easily carried by one individual; and

23 (D) to the extent practicable, can be used
24 to test prepared food, including raw prepara-

1 tions of seafood, such as ceviche, sashimi, sushi,
2 and poke.

3 (3) INITIAL SPECIES FOR IDENTIFICATION.—In
4 developing the methodology under this subsection,
5 key agency leadership shall conduct pilot studies on
6 red snapper, as an example of a stationary stock,
7 and tuna, as an example of a highly migratory stock.
8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall
10 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
11 that includes the following:

12 (1) A summary of the methodology developed
13 under subsection (b).

14 (2) A plan for operationalizing such method-
15 ology.

16 (3) If the Under Secretary determines any as-
17 pect of such methodology is impractical, an expla-
18 nation relating thereto, whether additional research
19 would make developing such a methodology prac-
20 ticable, and whether a different approach other than
21 chemical analysis might be practicable.