

Amendment to H.R. 4742
Offered by Mr. Southerland of Florida

Section 302(a) (16 U.S.C. 1852(a)) is amended-

Strike Subparagraph (C) and replace it with the following

(C) The Secretary shall appoint the members of each Council from individual nominations submitted by the Governor of each applicable constituent State. A Governor may not nominate an individual nominee to the Secretary for appointment unless the Governor has determined that such individual is qualified under the requirements of subparagraph (A) and unless the Governor has, to the extent practicable, first consulted with representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing interests of the State regarding that individual. Each nomination shall include pertinent biographical data for each applicable vacancy and shall be accompanied by a statement by the Governor explaining how each individual nominee meets the requirements of subparagraph (A). The Secretary shall review each nominee submitted by a Governor to ascertain if the individual is qualified for the vacancy on the basis of such requirements. If the Secretary determines that the nominee is not qualified, the Secretary shall notify the appropriate Governor of that determination. The Governor shall then submit a new nominee or resubmit the original nominee with an additional explanation of the qualifications of the individual in question. An individual is not eligible for appointment by the Secretary until that individual complies with the applicable financial disclosure requirements under subsection (k).