

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5025

To amend the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act to limit the imposition of penalties against a person fishing on a United States flag fishing vessel in certain areas of the Pacific Ocean based on a report by an observer on such a vessel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Mrs. RADEWAGEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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. LIMITATION ON ENFORCEMENT BASED ON OB-**
4 **SERVER REPORTS.**

5 Section 507 of the Western and Central Pacific Fish-
6 eries Convention Implementation Act (16 U.S.C. 6906) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(c) LIMITATION ON ENFORCEMENT BASED ON OB-
2 SERVER REPORTS.—No person fishing on a United States
3 flag fishing vessel in the Convention Area shall be subject
4 to any penalty under this Act or any other law or regula-
5 tion applicable to such vessels based on a report by an
6 observer on such a vessel, unless—

7 “(1) the observer report is provided to the cap-
8 tain and the owner of the vessel within 60 days after
9 the end of the fishing trip; and

10 “(2) any enforcement action based on such re-
11 port is brought within one year after the end of the
12 fishing trip.”.

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