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S. 1035

To establish a moratorium on large fishing vessels in Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 17, 1997

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. MORATORIUM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of
5 the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-
6 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), no large fishing vessel
7 may engage in fishing for Atlantic herring or Atlantic
8 mackerel within the United States exclusive economic zone
9 until—

1 (1) the National Marine Fisheries Service has
2 completed a new population survey concerning the
3 abundance of the discrete spawning stocks of Atlan-
4 tic herring and Atlantic mackerel; and

5 (2) the Secretary of Commerce has approved
6 and implemented fishery management plans devel-
7 oped by the appropriate regional fishery manage-
8 ment council for Atlantic herring and Atlantic mack-
9 erel, that specifically allow large fishing vessels to
10 participate in those fisheries.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term
13 “fishery management plan” means a fishery man-
14 agement plan prepared under section 303 of the
15 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Man-
16 agement Act (16 U.S.C. 1853).

17 (2) LARGE FISHING VESSEL.—The term “large
18 fishing vessel” means a fishing vessel (as that term
19 is defined in section 3 of the Magnuson-Stevens
20 Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16
21 U.S.C. 1802)) of the United States that is equal to
22 or greater than 165 feet in length overall and has
23 an engine of more than 3,000 horsepower.

24 (3) REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUN-
25 CIL.—The term “regional fishery management coun-

1 cil” means a regional fishery management council
2 established under section 302 of the Magnuson-Ste-
3 vens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1852).

5 (4) UNITED STATES EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC
6 ZONE.—The term “United States exclusive economic
7 zone” means the exclusive economic zone established
8 by Proclamation No. 5030, issued on March 10,
9 1983.

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