

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5668

To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to require the use of sums received as fines, penalties, and forfeitures of property for violations of that Act or other marine resource laws to be used to reduce the Federal deficit and debt.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2010

Mr. JONES 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. USE OF FINES, PENALTIES, AND FORFEITURES**
2 **OF PROPERTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF MARINE**
3 **RESOURCE LAWS TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL**
4 **DEFICIT AND DEBT.**

5 Section 311(e)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery
6 Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1861(e))
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 “(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, sums received as fines, penalties, and forfeitures
10 of property for violations of any provisions of this
11 Act or of any other marine resource law enforced by
12 the Secretary, including the Lacey Act Amendments
13 of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.) shall be deposited
14 into the Treasury and applied—

15 “(A) to reduce the annual Federal budget
16 deficit for the fiscal year in which the sums are
17 received, except as provided in subparagraph
18 (B); and

19 “(B) if there is no annual Federal budget
20 deficit for such fiscal year, to reduce the out-
21 standing Federal debt.”.

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