

## Union Calendar No. 376

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2504

**[Report No. 115–506, Part I]**

To ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain  
echinoderms.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2017

Ms. PINGREE (for herself and Mr. POLIQUIN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition  
to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently  
determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions  
as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JANUARY 10, 2018

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged; committed to the Committee  
of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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. EXEMPTION OF EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN**  
4 **ECHINODERMS FROM PERMISSION AND LI-**  
5 **CENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) EXEMPTION.—Not later than 30 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the  
8 United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall amend sec-  
9 tion 14.92 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, to  
10 clarify that—

11 (1) fish or wildlife described in subsection (b)  
12 are fishery products exempt from the export permis-  
13 sion requirements of section 9(d)(1) of the Endan-  
14 gered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(d)(1));  
15 and

16 (2) any person may engage in business as an  
17 exporter of such fish or wildlife without procuring  
18 permission under such section of that Act or an ex-  
19 port license under subpart I of part 14 of such title.

20 (b) COVERED FISH OR WILDLIFE.—The fish or wild-  
21 life referred to in subsection (a) are members of the phy-  
22 lum Echinodermata that are commonly known as sea ur-  
23 chins and sea cucumbers, including products thereof,  
24 that—

1           (1) do not require a permit under part 16, 17,  
2 or 23 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations;

3           (2) are harvested in waters under the jurisdic-  
4 tion of the United States or are processed in the  
5 United States; and

6           (3) are—

7                 (A) exported for purposes of human or ani-  
8 mal consumption; or

9                 (B) taken in waters under the jurisdiction  
10 of the United States or on the high seas for  
11 recreational purposes.



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