

# Union Calendar No. 854

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

# H. R. 5025

**[Report No. 115–1104]**

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2018

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

DECEMBER 21, 2018

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. 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:

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

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

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

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