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To transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture jurisdiction over the research and experimentation program to develop methods for the commercial production of fish in shallow reservoirs and flooded rice lands and to transfer the experiment station in Marion, Alabama, established as part of the program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 1995

Mr. HILLIARD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Marion National Aqua-
3 culture Research Center Act of 1995”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF FISH RESEARCH AND EXPERIMEN-**
5 **TATION PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.**
6 **CULTURE.**

7 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The first section of Public
8 Law 85–342 (16 U.S.C. 778) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “Secretary of the Interior” and
10 all that follows through “directed to” and inserting
11 “Secretary of Agriculture shall”;

12 (2) by striking “an experiment station or sta-
13 tions” and inserting “one or more aquaculture re-
14 search centers”; and

15 (3) in paragraph (5), by striking “Department
16 of Agriculture” and inserting “Secretary of the Inte-
17 rior”.

18 (b) **AUTHORITIES.**—Section 2 of Public Law 85–342
19 (16 U.S.C. 778a) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “, the Secretary” and all that
21 follows through “authorized” and inserting “, the
22 Secretary of Agriculture is authorized”; and

23 (2) by striking “he” both places it appears and
24 inserting “the Secretary”.

25 (c) **ASSISTANCE.**—Section 3 of Public Law 85–342
26 (16 U.S.C. 778b) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Secretary of the Interior” and
2 inserting “Secretary of Agriculture”; and

3 (2) by striking “Department of Agriculture”
4 and inserting “Secretary of the Interior”.

5 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF SOUTHEASTERN FISH CULTURAL**
6 **LABORATORY, MARION, ALABAMA, TO DE-**
7 **PARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

8 (a) DESIGNATION OF MARION NATIONAL AQUA-
9 CULTURE RESEARCH CENTER.—

10 (1) DESIGNATION.—The Southeastern Fish
11 Cultural Laboratory in Marion, Alabama, shall be
12 known and designated as the “Marion National
13 Aquaculture Research Center”.

14 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law,
15 map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of
16 the United States to the laboratory referred to in
17 paragraph (1) shall be considered to be a reference
18 to the “Marion National Aquaculture Research Cen-
19 ter”.

20 (b) TRANSFER OF LABORATORY TO DEPARTMENT OF
21 AGRICULTURE.—Subject to section 1531 of title 31, Unit-
22 ed States Code, not later than 90 days after the date of
23 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior
24 shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture—

1 (1) the personnel employed in connection with
2 the laboratory referred to in subsection (a);

3 (2) the assets, liabilities, contracts, and real
4 and personal property of the laboratory;

5 (3) the records of the laboratory; and

6 (4) the unexpended balance of appropriations,
7 authorizations, allocations and other funds em-
8 ployed, held, arising from, available to, or to be
9 made available in connection with the laboratory.

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