

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1855

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 1997

Mr. SAXTON (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. WEYGAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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,*

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 into the abun-
3 dance of the discrete spawning stocks of Atlantic
4 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, which specifically allow large fishing vessels to
10 participate in those fisheries.

11 (b) LARGE FISHING VESSEL DEFINED.—In this sec-
12 tion, the term “large fishing vessel” means a fishing vessel
13 (as that term is defined in section 3 of the Magnuson-
14 Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16
15 U.S.C. 1802)) that—

16 (1) is equal to or greater than 165 feet in
17 length overall and has an engine of more than 3,000
18 horsepower; and

19 (2) does not have a documented landing in any
20 East Coast port as of May 1, 1997, of 1 pound or
21 more of any species of fish caught pursuant to a
22 Federal or State fishing or landing permit or license.

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