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H. R. 3598

To amend the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 to provide for duty-free treatment of canned tuna imported into the United States that was caught by certain vessels and processed in certain facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 1993

Ms. SCHENK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 That the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (Public Law
4 100–330; 16 U.S.C. 973–973r) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 22. IMPORTS OF TUNA.**

7 “(a) DUTY-FREE TREATMENT.—The entry or with-
8 drawal from warehouse for consumption into the customs

1 territory of the United States of light meat tuna, prepared
2 or preserved in airtight containers in any manner (except
3 in oil), that is produced in any Pacific Island Party shall
4 be eligible for duty-free treatment if it meets the require-
5 ments of subsection (b).

6 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—Tuna shall be eligible for duty-
7 free treatment under subsection (a) only if it—

8 “(1) is wholly produced in a processing facil-
9 ity—

10 “(A) owned or operated under a joint ven-
11 ture agreement between citizens of that Pacific
12 Island Party and citizens of the United States;
13 or

14 “(B) owned by citizens of the United
15 States; and

16 “(2) was caught—

17 “(A) by a vessel owned or operated under
18 a joint venture agreement between citizens of
19 that Pacific Island Party and citizens of the
20 United States; or

21 “(B) by a vessel documented under the
22 laws of the United States.

23 “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury
24 is authorized to issue regulations to carry out this sec-
25 tion.”.

