

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2271

To provide for the transfer of certain tuna fishing vessels documented in the United States to foreign registry.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 1 (legislative day, JUNE 7), 1994

Mr. BREAUX introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To provide for the transfer of certain tuna fishing vessels documented in the United States to foreign registry.

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. TRANSFER OF REGISTRY FOR CERTAIN FISH-**

4 **ING VESSELS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The transfer of registry of a tuna
6 fishing vessel which is an agreement vessel documented
7 under the laws of the United States to foreign registry
8 shall not be treated, for purposes of the Merchant Marine
9 Act, 1936, or any other law of the United States, as—

10 (1) a disposition vessel, or

1 (2) a failure to meet any substantial obligation
2 under an agreement entered into between the owner
3 or operator of the vessel and the Secretary,
4 if the vessel continues to be owned, directly or indirectly,
5 by a United States person and to be operated in compli-
6 ance with section 307 of the Marine Mammal Protection
7 Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1417).

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

9 (1) any term defined in section 607(k) of the
10 Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C.
11 1177(k)) that is used in this section shall have the
12 meaning given that term in that section; and

13 (2) the term “United States person” has the
14 meaning given that term in section 7701(a)(30) of
15 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.
16 7701(a)(30)).

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to
18 any transfer of registry effected before January 1, 1996.

○