

Union Calendar No. 288

105TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 1739

[Report No. 105-500]

To amend the Act designating the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to clarify certain provisions of law regarding activities authorized within the wilderness area, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 1997

Mr. OBERSTAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

APRIL 29, 1998

Additional sponsors: Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. CHENOWETH, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska

APRIL 29, 1998

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To amend the Act designating the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to clarify certain provisions of law regarding activities authorized within the wilderness area, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “BWCAW Accessibility
 5 and Fairness Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.**

7 The Congress finds and declares that it is in the na-
 8 tional interest to protect, preserve, and improve for the
 9 long term the diverse resources of the Boundary Waters
 10 Canoe Area Wilderness for the benefit of the people of
 11 the United States.

12 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF ALLOWABLE USES WITHIN CERTAIN**
 13 **PORTION OF BOUNDARY WATER CANOE AREA**
 14 **WILDERNESS.**

15 (a) SEAGULL LAKE.—Section 4(e) of the Act of Octo-
 16 ber 21, 1978, entitled “An Act to designate the Boundary
 17 Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, to establish the Boundary
 18 Waters Canoe Area Mining Protection Area, and for other
 19 purposes” (Public Law 95–495; 92 Stat. 1649, 1650) is
 20 amended as follows:

21 (1) In paragraph (2), by striking “; that por-
 22 tion generally east of Threemile Island, Cook Coun-
 23 ty”.

24 (2) In paragraph (3), by striking “Sea Gull,
 25 Cook County, that portion generally west of

1 Threemile Island, Cook County, until January
2 1999”.

3 (b) **MOTORIZED PORTAGES.**—Section 4(g) of the Act
4 of October 21, 1978, entitled “An Act to designate the
5 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, to establish the
6 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Mining Protection Area,
7 and for other purposes” (Public Law 95–495, 92 Stat.
8 1649, 1651) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(g) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent
10 the operation of motorized vehicles and associated equip-
11 ment to transport boats across the portages between the
12 Moose Lake chain and Basswood Lake, between Fall Lake
13 and Basswood Lake, and between Vermilion Lake and
14 Trout Lake.”.

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 *This Act may be cited as the “BWCAW Accessibility*
17 *and Fairness Act of 1997”.*

18 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.**

19 *The Congress finds and declares that it is in the na-*
20 *tional interest to protect, preserve, and improve for the long*
21 *term the diverse resources of the Boundary Waters Canoe*
22 *Area Wilderness for the benefit of the people of the United*
23 *States.*

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF ALLOWABLE USES WITHIN CERTAIN**
2 **PORTION OF BOUNDARY WATER CANOE AREA**
3 **WILDERNESS.**

4 (a) *SEAGULL LAKE.*—Section 4(c) of the Act of October
5 21, 1978, entitled “An Act to designate the Boundary Wa-
6 ters Canoe Area Wilderness, to establish the Boundary Wa-
7 ters Canoe Area Mining Protection Area, and for other pur-
8 poses” (Public Law 95–495; 92 Stat. 1649, 1650) is amend-
9 ed as follows:

10 (1) In paragraph (2), by striking “, that portion
11 generally east of Threemile Island, Cook County”.

12 (2) In paragraph (3), by striking “Sea Gull,
13 Cook County, that portion generally west of Threemile
14 Island, until January 1, 1999”.

15 (b) *MOTORIZED PORTAGES.*—Section 4(g) of the Act
16 of October 21, 1978, entitled “An Act to designate the
17 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, to establish the
18 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Mining Protection Area, and
19 for other purposes” (Public Law 95–495; 92 Stat. 1649,
20 1651) is amended to read as follows:

21 “(g) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent
22 the operation (in the same manner as in 1992) of motorized
23 vehicles to transport boats across the portages between the
24 Moose Lake chain and Basswood Lake, between Fall Lake
25 and Basswood Lake, and between Vermilion Lake and
26 Trout Lake.”.

1 (c) *PROHIBITION OF SUBSIDIES.*—Section 4 of such
2 *Act is amended by adding the following new subsection at*
3 *the end thereof:*

4 “(j) *SUBSIDY FOR MOTORIZED PORTAGES PROHIB-*
5 *ITED.*—No Federal funds may be used to operate or to assist
6 *in any way in the operation of any motorized portage with-*
7 *in the wilderness area.”.*

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