AMENDMENT TO H.R. 200, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ROYCE OF CALIFORNIA

Add at the end the following:

TITLE ___—PROHIBITION ON
SALE OF SHARK FINS

SEC. _01. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Shark Fin Sales
Elimination Act of 2018”.

SEC. _02. PROHIBITION ON SALE OF SHARK FINS.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in section
_03, no person shall possess with intent to sell, offer for
sale, sell, transport, or purchase any shark fin or product
containing any shark fin.

(b) PENALTY.—For purposes of section 308(a) of the
Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-
ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1858(a)), a violation of this section
shall be treated as an act prohibited by section 307 of

SEC. _03. EXEMPTION FOR TRADITIONAL FISHERIES, EDU-
ICATION, AND SCIENCE.

Section _02 shall not apply with respect to—
(1) possession of a shark fin that was taken
lawfully under a State, territorial, or Federal license
or permit to take or land sharks, if the shark fin is separated from the shark in a manner consistent with the license or permit and is—

(A) destroyed or discarded;

(B) used for noncommercial subsistence purposes in accordance with State or territorial law; or

(C) used solely for display or research purposes by a museum, college, or university, or other person under a State or Federal permit to conduct noncommercial scientific research; or

(2) any fresh or frozen raw fin or tail of the species *Mustelus canis* (smooth dogfish) or *Squalus acanthias* (spiny dogfish).

**SEC. 04. DEFINITIONS.**

In this title:

(1) **SHARK.**—The term “shark” means any species of the orders Pristiophoriformes, Squatiniformes, Squaliformes, Hexanchiformes, Lamniformes, Carchariniformes, Orectolobiformes, and Heterodontiformes.

(2) **SHARK FIN.**—The term “shark fin” means the raw, dried, or otherwise processed detached fin, or the raw, dried, or otherwise processed detached tail, of a shark.
Nothing in this title affects any right of a State or territory of the United States to adopt or enforce any regulation or standard that is more stringent than a regulation or standard in effect under this title.