

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1335, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SABLAN OF NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . AMENDMENTS RELATING TO HIGHLY MIGRA-**
2 **TORY SPECIES.**

3 (a) PARTICIPATION FOR UNITED STATES TERRI-
4 TORIES.—Section 102 (16 U.S.C. 1812) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(d) UNITED STATES TERRITORIES.—The Secretary
7 shall ensure participation for, and consider the interests
8 of, United States territories and their fishing communities
9 in managing highly migratory species that frequent the
10 exclusive economic zone adjoining such territories.”.

11 (b) APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION FOR THE CON-
12 SERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY
13 FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC
14 OCEAN.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 503 of the Western
16 and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implemen-
17 tation Act (16 U.S.C. 6902) is amended by striking
18 subsection (a) and inserting the following:

19 “(a) UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States shall be
2 represented on the Commission by 5 United States
3 Commissioners. The President shall appoint individ-
4 uals to serve on the Commission at the pleasure of
5 the President. In making the appointments, the
6 President shall select Commissioners from among in-
7 dividuals who are knowledgeable or experienced con-
8 cerning highly migratory fish stocks in the Western
9 and Central Pacific Ocean.

10 “(2) REQUIRED APPOINTMENTS.—Of the Com-
11 missioners appointed under paragraph (1)—

12 “(A) one shall be an officer or employee of
13 the Department of Commerce;

14 “(B) one shall be the chairman or another
15 member of the Western Pacific Fishery Man-
16 agement Council;

17 “(C) one shall be the chairman or another
18 member of the Pacific Fishery Management
19 Council; and

20 “(D) one shall be a resident of American
21 Samoa, Guam, or the Commonwealth of the
22 Northern Mariana Islands who is not a member
23 of the Western Pacific Fishery Management
24 Council.

25 “(3) TERMS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term of a Com-
2 missioner shall be 3 years.

3 “(B) COUNCIL APPOINTEES.—A Commis-
4 sioner who is appointed as a member of the Pa-
5 cific Fishery Management Council or Western
6 Pacific Fishery Management Council and whose
7 term on that Council ends during his or her
8 term as Commissioner may complete the cur-
9 rent term as Commissioner but shall not be eli-
10 gible for reappointment.

11 “(C) LIMIT ON CONSECUTIVE TERMS.—An
12 individual appointed under paragraph (1) shall
13 not be eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive
14 terms as a Commissioner.

15 “(D) ROTATION OF TERRITORIAL AP-
16 POINTMENTS.—Appointments under paragraph
17 (2)(D) shall be rotated among residents of
18 American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern
19 Mariana Islands to ensure equal representation
20 of such territories.

21 “(4) CHAIRMAN.—The United States Commis-
22 sioners may adopt such rules of procedure as they
23 find necessary and to select a chairman from among
24 such Commissioners who are officers or employees of
25 the United States Government.”.

1 (2) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—Subpara-
2 graph (D) of section 503(a)(2) of such Act, as
3 amended by paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall
4 not apply before the date of a vacancy in the mem-
5 bership of the Commission for the Conservation and
6 Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the
7 Western and Central Pacific Ocean, other than a va-
8 cancy in a position to which subparagraph (A), (B),
9 or (C) of such section applies.

