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) IN GENERAL.—The United States shall be represented on the Commission by 5 United States Commissioners. The President shall appoint individuals to serve on the Commission at the pleasure of the President. In making the appointments, the President shall select Commissioners from among individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced concerning highly migratory fish stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

“(2) REQUIRED APPOINTMENTS.—Of the Commissioners appointed under paragraph (1)—

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

“(B) one shall be the chairman or another member of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council;

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

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

“(3) TERMS.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term of a Commissioner shall be 3 years.

“(B) COUNCIL APPOINTEES.—A Commissioner who is appointed as a member of the Pacific Fishery Management Council or Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and whose term on that Council ends during his or her term as Commissioner may complete the current term as Commissioner but shall not be eligible for reappointment.

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

“(D) ROTATION OF TERRITORIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Appointments under paragraph (2)(D) shall be rotated among residents of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands to ensure equal representation of such territories.

“(4) CHAIRMAN.—The United States Commissioners may adopt such rules of procedure as they find necessary and to select a chairman from among such Commissioners who are officers or employees of the United States Government.”.
(2) **Limitation on Application.**—Subparagraph (D) of section 503(a)(2) of such Act, as amended by paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall not apply before the date of a vacancy in the membership of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, other than a vacancy in a position to which subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of such section applies.