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S. 2444

To require the approval and implementation by the Secretary of Commerce of a rule to provide a moratorium for a temporary period on the entry of new vessels into certain groundfish, crab, and halibut fisheries in the North Pacific.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 12), 1994

Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mr. STEVENS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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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 “North Pacific Vessels
5 Entry Moratorium Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF MORATORIUM.**

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
3 Secretary of Commerce shall, by not later than October
4 15, 1994, approve and implement the proposed rule to es-
5 tablish a moratorium for a temporary period on the entry
6 of new vessels into certain groundfish, crab, and halibut
7 fisheries in the North Pacific and Bering Sea published
8 on June 3, 1994 at 59 Federal Register 28827.

9 (b) The moratorium in subsection (a) shall remain
10 in effect until December 31, 1997, or until the Secretary
11 approves an amendment to such moratorium prepared by
12 the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in accord-
13 ance with the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Man-
14 agement Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), whichever is
15 earlier.

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