

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1739

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

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 “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

1 long term the diverse resources of the Boundary Waters
2 Canoe Area Wilderness for the benefit of the people of
3 the United States.

4 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF ALLOWABLE USES WITHIN CERTAIN**
5 **PORTION OF BOUNDARY WATER CANOE AREA**
6 **WILDERNESS.**

7 (a) SEAGULL LAKE.—Section 4(c) of the Act of Octo-
8 ber 21, 1978, entitled “An Act to designate the Boundary
9 Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, to establish the Boundary
10 Waters Canoe Area Mining Protection Area, and for other
11 purposes” (Public Law 95–495; 92 Stat. 1649, 1650) is
12 amended as follows:

13 (1) In paragraph (2), by striking “, that por-
14 tion generally east of Threemile Island, Cook Coun-
15 ty”.

16 (2) In paragraph (3), by striking “Sea Gull,
17 Cook County, that portion generally west of
18 Threemile Island, Cook County, until January
19 1999”.

20 (b) MOTORIZED PORTAGES.—Section 4(g) of the Act
21 of October 21, 1978, entitled “An Act to designate the
22 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, to establish the
23 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Mining Protection Area,
24 and for other purposes” (Public Law 95–495; 92 Stat.
25 1649, 1651) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(g) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent
2 the operation of motorized vehicles and associated equip-
3 ment to transport boats across the portages between the
4 Moose Lake chain and Basswood Lake, between Fall Lake
5 and Basswood Lake, and between Vermilion Lake and
6 Trout Lake.”.

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