ARTICLE XI

This Compact may be terminated at any time by consent of a majority of the compacting states and territories. Consent shall be manifested by passage and signature in the usual manner of legislation expressing such consent by the legislature and Governor of such terminating state. Any state or territory may at any time withdraw from this Compact by means of appropriate legislation to that end. Such withdrawal shall not become effective until two years after written notice thereof by the Governor of the withdrawing state or territory accompanied by a certified copy of the requisite legislative action is received by the Commission. Such withdrawal shall not relieve the withdrawing state or territory from its obligations hereunder accruing prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The withdrawing state or territory may rescind its action of withdrawal at any time within the two-year period. Thereafter, the withdrawing state or territory may be reinstated by application to and the approval by a majority vote of the Commission.

ARTICLE XII

If any compacting state or territory shall at any time default in the performance of any of its obligations assumed or imposed in accordance with the provisions of this Compact, all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this Compact or agreements hereunder shall be suspended from the effective date of such default as fixed by the Commission.

Unless such default shall be remedied within a period of two years following the effective date of such default, this Compact may be terminated with respect to such defaulting state or territory by affirmative vote of three-fourths of the other member states or territories. Any such defaulting state may be reinstated by: (a) performing all acts and obligations upon which it has heretofore defaulted, and (b) application to and the approval by a majority vote of the Commission.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 8, 1953.
PUBLIC LAW 228—AUG. 8, 1953

AN ACT

To amend the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1937.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1937 (50 Stat. 325, 16 U. S. C. 772) is amended as follows:

Subsection (a) is amended by deleting the words “29th day of January 1937” and substituting in lieu thereof “2d day of March 1953 and any other treaty or convention which modifies or replaces that Convention” and by deleting the words “of the International Fisheries Commission”.

Subsection (b) is amended by deleting the words “International Fisheries Commission provided for by article III of the Convention”, and substituting in lieu thereof “Commission provided for in the Convention”.

This Act shall take effect on the date of entry into force of the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, signed at Ottawa, March 2, 1953.

Approved August 8, 1953.

PUBLIC LAW 229—AUG. 8, 1953

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for a continuance of civil government for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Whereas, pursuant to the authority of Public Law 204, Eightieth Congress, of July 18, 1947, the President approved the trusteeship agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands between the United States and the United Nations, effective July 18, 1947; and

Whereas responsibility for civil administration of the Trust Territory was vested in the Secretary of the Navy by Executive Order Numbered 9875 of July 18, 1947; and

Whereas responsibility for such civil administration was transferred to the Secretary of the Interior, effective July 1, 1951, by Executive Order Numbered 10265 of June 29, 1951; and

Whereas organic legislation for the Trust Territory is now pending before the Congress: It is hereby