

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1537

To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify that restrictions on baiting of migratory game birds do not prohibit the taking of a migratory game bird on or over manipulated re-growth of a harvested rice crop.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2003

Mr. JOHN 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. TAKING OF A MIGRATORY GAME BIRD ON OR**
4 **OVER MANIPULATED RE-GROWTH OF A RICE**
5 **CROP.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(b) of the Migratory
7 Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 704(b)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “(1)” and inserting “(A)”;

1 (2) by striking “(2)” and inserting “(B)”;

2 (3) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

3 (4) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(2) Paragraph (1) does not prohibit—

5 “(A) taking of a migratory game bird on or
6 over manipulated re-growth of a harvested rice crop;

7 or

8 “(B) causing, inducing, or allowing a person to
9 take or attempt to take a migratory game bird on
10 or over manipulated re-growth of a harvested rice
11 crop.”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 6(c) of the
13 Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 707(c)) is amended
14 by striking “section 3(b)(2)” and inserting “section
15 3(b)(1)(B)”.

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