

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 781

To restore balance to the membership of the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3, 2003

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

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## A BILL

To restore balance to the membership of the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council.

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. AMENDMENT OF MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT.**

4       Section 302(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

5 Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(b))

6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7           “(7) During fiscal years 2003 through 2006,

8           the Secretary may not appoint—

9           “(A) an individual to the Gulf of Mexico

10           Fisheries Management Council unless the list of

1 individuals submitted under paragraph (2)(C)  
2 by the Governor of the State from which the in-  
3 dividual is to be appointed includes at least 1  
4 individual from the commercial fishing sector;  
5 nor

6 “(B) an individual (other than an indi-  
7 vidual who is a participant in, or a representa-  
8 tive of, a commercial fishery) to the Gulf of  
9 Mexico Fisheries Management Council if the  
10 appointment of that individual would result in  
11 there being fewer than 5 members of that  
12 Council who are participants in, or representa-  
13 tives, of commercial fisheries.”.

