

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 781

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

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

A BILL

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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-STEVENSON 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.”.

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