

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4413

To prohibit the use of funds to provide assistance to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency under the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Mr. HUNTER (for himself and Mr. VARGAS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Fairness to United
5 States Distant Water Fishermen Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE AS-**
2 **SISTANCE TO THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM**
3 **FISHERIES AGENCY UNDER THE AGREEMENT**
4 **BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE**
5 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PA-**
6 **CIFIC ISLANDS FORUM FISHERIES AGENCY.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—Funds made available to carry
8 out chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act
9 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.; relating to Economic
10 Support Fund) may not be used to provide assistance to
11 the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency under the
12 Agreement Between the Government of the United States
13 of America and the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agen-
14 cy.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on
16 the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with
17 respect to funds made available for any fiscal year—

18 (1) in which a notice of intent to withdraw from
19 the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of
20 Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of
21 the United States of America, done at Port Moresby
22 on April 2, 1987, is submitted by the United States
23 in accordance with Article 12.6 of such Treaty; or

24 (2) in which such Treaty is not in effect with
25 respect to the United States for any part of such fis-
26 cal year.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN COUN-**
2 **TRIES THAT ARE PARTIES TO THE SOUTH PA-**
3 **CIFIC FORUM FISHERIES AGENCY CONVEN-**
4 **TION.**

5 Funds made available to carry out chapter 5 of part
6 II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2347
7 et seq.; relating to International Military Education and
8 Training) or any other provision of law for fiscal years
9 2016 and 2017 may not be used to provide assistance to
10 any foreign country that is a party to the South Pacific
11 Forum Fisheries Agency Convention, signed at Honiara
12 on July 10, 1979.

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