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To enhance efforts to combat human trafficking in connection with the catching and processing of seafood products imported into the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Facilitate Addressing
5 Issues with Regulating Forced Labor in International Sea-
6 food Harvesting Act” or “FAIR FISH Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

8 Congress finds that human trafficking is a pervasive
9 problem in the catching and processing of certain seafood

1 products imported into the United States, particularly sea-
 2 food products obtained through illegal, unreported, and
 3 unregulated fishing.

4 **SEC. 3. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AS MEMBER OF INTER-**
 5 **AGENCY TASK FORCE TO MONITOR AND COM-**
 6 **BAT TRAFFICKING.**

7 Section 105(b) of the Victims of Trafficking and Vio-
 8 lence Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7103(b)) is
 9 amended by inserting “Secretary of Commerce,” after
 10 “Secretary of Education,”.

11 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

12 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
 13 of this Act, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and
 14 Atmospheric Administration and the Commissioner of the
 15 Food and Drug Administration shall jointly submit to
 16 Congress a report on the existence of human trafficking
 17 in the supply chains of seafood products imported into the
 18 United States. The report shall include the following:

19 (1) A list of the countries at risk for human
 20 trafficking in their seafood catching and processing
 21 industries, and an assessment of such risk for each
 22 country listed.

23 (2) A description of the quantity and economic
 24 value of seafood products imported into the United

1 States from the countries listed pursuant to para-
2 graph (1).

3 (3) A description and assessment of the meth-
4 ods, if any, in the countries listed pursuant to para-
5 graph (2) to trace and account for the manner in
6 which seafood is caught.

7 (4) A description of domestic and international
8 enforcement mechanisms to deter illegal practices in
9 the catching of seafood in the countries listed pursu-
10 ant to paragraph (1).

11 (5) Such recommendations as the Administrator
12 and the Commissioner jointly consider appropriate
13 for legislative or administrative action to enhance
14 and improve actions against human trafficking in
15 the catching and processing of seafood products
16 abroad.

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