

Calendar No. 184

90TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**S. 375**

[Report No. 189]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 17 (legislative day, JANUARY 12), 1967

Mr. PASTORE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce

APRIL 19, 1967

Reported by Mr. PASTORE, without amendment

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# H. R. 13323

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 4, 1967

Mr. HALPERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

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## A BILL

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90<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 20051

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 1968

Mr. MESKILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

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2D SESSION

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90TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 7830

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 1967

Mr. CUNNINGHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
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APRIL 3, 1967

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1ST SESSION

# H. R. 6283

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 1967

Mr. MURPHY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

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# H. R. 5867

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 21, 1967

Mr. BRASCO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

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# H. R. 611

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 1967

Mr. GALLAGHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

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# H. R. 1422

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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