

- February 15, 1979—H.R. 2218 introduced in the House, referred to Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.
- February 21, 1979—H.R. 2218 referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment.
- April 6, 1979—Hearings. (Printed. Serial No. 96-12).
- April 27, 1979—H.R. 2218 considered in open markup session and ordered reported to Full Committee, with an amendment.
- May 3, 1979—Considered by Full Committee in open markup and ordered reported to House, with an amendment.
- May 15, 1979—H.R. 2218 reported to House, with an amendment. (H. Rept. 96-167).
- May 15, 1979—S. 1143, an original bill, reported to the Senate (S. Rept. 96-151) by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- June 13, 1979—Consideration and passage of S. 1143, with an amendment, by the Senate.
- October 19, 1979—House agreed to H. Res. 417, providing for consideration of H.R. 2218, by vote of 320 to 9.
- October 22, 1979—General debate by the House on H.R. 2218.
- October 24, 1979—House considered and passed H.R. 2218, with amendments, subsequently vacating passage and passing S. 1143 in lieu after amending that bill to contain the language of the House bill as passed and amending the title of the Senate bill.
- November 7, 1979—Senate disagreed to House amendments to S. 1143 and requested a conference.
- November 14, 1979—House insisted on its amendments and agreed to a Conference.
- December 11, 1979—Conference Report 96-697 filed in the House.
- December 19, 1979—House agreed to Conference Report, clearing the measure for the Senate.
- December 19, 1979—Senate agreed to Conference Report, clearing the enactment for the President.
- December 28, 1979—S. 1143 approved by the President, Public Law 96-159.