

MINUTE ITEM

19. H.R. 4390 - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SUBMERGED LANDS ACT W.O. 721.

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARR,
AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

THE COMMISSION:

1. DECLARES ITS SUPPORT FOR H.R. 4390;
2. AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION DURING THE 1961 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE URGING ENACTMENT THEREOF BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES;
3. AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS IN COOPERATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR SAID BILL.

Attachment

Calendar Item 19 (2 pages)

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR ITEM

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The subject bill was introduced in the House of Representatives on February 16, 1961, by Representative Overton Brooks of Louisiana and has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary. It would amend the Submerged Lands Act to establish and confirm the seaward boundaries of all coastal states as a line three marine leagues (9 geographical or $10\frac{1}{2}$ statute miles) from the coastline. Under the present wording of the Act, coastal states other than those bounded by the Gulf of Mexico are limited to three geographical miles. In the recent United States Supreme Court decision in United States v. Louisiana, et al. (363 U.S. 1), it was held that Texas and Florida owned submerged lands out to three leagues from their coastlines and other Gulf states were limited to three geographical miles. The subject amendment would secure equality of treatment for all coastal states, including California. The Attorney General advises the Commission that the passage of this Bill is in the interests of California.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DECLARE ITS SUPPORT FOR H. R. 4390;
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87TH CONGRESS

1ST SESSION

H. R. 4390

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 1961

Mr. Brooks of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Submerged Lands Act to establish and confirm the seaward boundaries of the coastal States, as a line three marine leagues distant from the coastline.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 That section 4 of the Submerged Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
4 1512) is amended by striking out the words "three geo-
5 graphical miles" wherever same appears therein and sub-
6 stituting therefor the words "three marine leagues".

7 SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of
8 this Act shall take effect as of May 22, 1953.

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