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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

November 5, 2009

Mr. Nelson of Florida (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Inhofe) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Gulf Oyster Protection Act of 2009”.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO POST-HARVEST PROCESSING OF OYSTERS.

No Federal funds may be used to establish or implement under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
(21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) or other authority any requirement for the control of Vibrio vulnificus applicable to the post-harvest processing of oysters that is in addition to Federal requirements applicable to such processing as of the date of the enactment of this Act.