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LIGHTSHIP NEAR MONHEGAN ISLAND, PENOBSCOT
BAY, ME.

MAY 9, 1912.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the
following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 5387.]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5387) to construct and place a lightship near Monhegan Island, entrance to Penobscot Bay, Me., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass with amendment.

The bill has the approval of the Department of Commerce and Labor, as will appear by the following letter from the Secretary:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,
Washington, May 3, 1912.

DEAR SIR: Referring to department letter of February 26, 1912, reporting upon Senate bill 5387, Sixty-second Congress, second session, to construct and place a lightship near Monhegan Island, entrance to Penobscot Bay, Me.

I beg to state that, in view of the urgent representations which have been made by shipping interests, the department withdraws its recommendation contained in its aforementioned letter that this bill be not passed. After a careful investigation of this matter the department concludes that the establishment of a light vessel at the position proposed in the bill would be of material benefit to navigation.

The existing aids to navigation at or in the vicinity of Monhegan Island consist of a second-order flashing light, a trumpet fog signal, and a combination gas and whistling buoy. Measures have been taken to increase the intensity of Monhegan light by the substitution of an oil-vapor lamp for the present wick lamp. A more powerful fog signal, in place of the existing signal, is under construction on Manana Island, which is adjacent to Monhegan Island on the west side. The addition of a submarine bell to the gas buoy is under consideration.

I recommend that the bill be passed, subject, however, to the following amendment: Insert in the title of the bill, after the word "island," and in line 5 thereof after the word "island," the words "off the."

A similar letter has this day been addressed to the chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce relative to House bill 20422 of the present session of Congress.

Respectfully,

BENJ. S. CABLE,
Acting Secretary.

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.