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Robert Packwood, U.S. Senate (separate mailgram to each)
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An apparently successful effort on the House side has resulted in a 50% reduction in the budget of the Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. The small staff of this unit is already hard-pressed to meet escalating international fisheries actions required by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The concerns of Oregon are directly related to the negotiations underway between the U.S. and Canada on the interception by Canadian fishermen of salmon destined for our streams. Canada currently harvests about 50% of the ocean catch of Oregon salmon.

These State Department negotiators require the highest measure of support in carrying out their responsibilities. I emphasize the absolute necessity of retaining the highly qualified personnel in this unit to avoid eroding the U.S. position.

If this measure reaches the Senate side, I appreciate your favorable action in retaining the budget item in its entirety.

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