

H. R. 12292.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 26, 1914.

Mr. PALMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To prevent interstate commerce in the products of child labor,
and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That on and after January first, nineteen hundred and
4 fifteen, no person, partnership, association, or corporation,
5 or any agent or employee thereof, manufacturing, produc-
6 ing, or dealing in the products of any mine or quarry in
7 which children under sixteen years of age are employed or
8 permitted to work at any time, or of any mill, cannery,
9 workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment in which
10 children under fourteen years of age are employed or per-
11 mitted to work at any time, or in which children between
12 the ages of fourteen and sixteen years of age are employed or
13 permitted to work more than eight hours in any day or more

1 than six days in any week, or after the hour of seven post-
2 meridian or before the hour of seven antemeridian of any
3 day. shall ship or offer or deliver for shipment such products
4 in interstate commerce.

5 SEC. 2. That the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary
6 of Labor, and the Attorney General shall constitute a board
7 to make and from time to time to amend rules and regula-
8 tions for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

9 SEC. 3. That for the purpose of securing proper en-
10 forcement of this Act the Secretary of Labor, or any person
11 duly authorized by him, shall have authority to enter and
12 inspect at any time mines, quarries, mills, canneries, work-
13 shops, factories, and manufacturing establishments in which
14 goods are produced for interstate commerce.

15 SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of each district at-
16 torney to whom the Secretary of Labor shall report any
17 violation of this Act or to whom any State factory inspector,
18 commissioner of Labor, State medical inspector, or school
19 attendance officer, or any other person shall present satis-
20 factory evidence of any such violation to cause appropriate
21 proceedings to be commenced and prosecuted in the proper
22 courts of the United States without delay for the enforce-
23 ment of the penalties as in such cases herein provided.

24 SEC. 5. That any person, partnership, association, or
25 corporation or any agent or employee thereof manufacturing,

1 producing, or dealing in the products of any mine, quarry,
2 mill, cannery, workshop, factory, or manufacturing estab-
3 lishment who shall violate any of the provisions of section
4 one of this Act or any of the rules and regulations made in
5 accordance with the authority contained in section two of
6 this Act, or who shall refuse or obstruct the entry or inspec-
7 tion authorized by section three of this Act, shall be guilty
8 of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not
9 more than \$1,000 nor less than \$100 or by imprisonment
10 for not more than one year or less than one month, or by
11 both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

12 SEC. 6. That in prosecutions under this Act each ship-
13 ment or delivery for shipment shall constitute a separate
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