

PREVENTION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE IN THE
PRODUCTS OF CHILD LABOR.

AUGUST 13, 1914.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LEWIS of Maryland, from the Committee on Labor, submitted
the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 12292.]

The Committee on Labor, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12292) to prevent interstate commerce in the products of child labor, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report it to the House with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows, and that as amended it do pass:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu of the language stricken out the following as a substitute therefor:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be unlawful for any producer, manufacturer, or dealer to ship or to deliver for shipment in interstate commerce the products of any mine or quarry which have been produced in whole or in part by the labor of children under the age of sixteen years, or the products of any mill, cannery, workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment which have been produced in whole or in part by the labor of children under the age of fourteen years, or by the labor of children between the age of fourteen years and sixteen years who work more than eight hours in any one day or more than six days in any week, or after the hour of seven o'clock postmeridian or before the hour of seven o'clock antemeridian.

SEC. 2. That the Attorney General, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Labor shall constitute a board to make and publish from time to time uniform rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. That for the purpose of securing proper enforcement of this act the Secretary of Labor, or any person duly authorized by him, shall have authority to enter and inspect at any time mines, quarries, mills, canneries, workshops, factories, and manufacturing establishments in which goods are produced for interstate commerce.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of each district attorney to whom the Secretary of Labor shall report any violation of this act or to whom any State factory or mining or quarry inspector, commissioner of labor, State medical inspector, or school attendance officer, or any other person shall present satisfactory evidence of any such violation to cause appropriate proceedings to be commenced and prosecuted in the proper courts of the United States without delay for the enforcement of the penalties as in such cases herein provided.

SEC. 5. That any person, partnership, association, or corporation, or any agent or employee thereof, manufacturing, producing, or dealing in the products of any mine, quarry, mill, cannery, workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment who shall violate any of the provisions of section one of this act, or who shall refuse or obstruct the entry or inspection authorized by section three of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 nor less than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than one year nor less than one month, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court: *Provided*, That no dealer shall be subject to conviction under the provisions of this section who shall establish a guaranty issued by the person by whom such goods were manufactured or produced, and residing in the United States, to the effect that in the manufacture and production of such goods neither in whole nor in part had children been employed or permitted to work in any mine or quarry under the age of sixteen years, or in any mill, cannery, workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment under the age of fourteen years, or between the ages of fourteen years and sixteen years who worked more than eight hours in any one day or more than six days in any week, or after the hour of seven o'clock postmeridian or before the hour of seven o'clock antemeridian. Said guaranty, to afford the protection above provided, shall contain the name and address of the person giving the same, and in such event such person shall be amenable to any prosecution, fine, or penalty to which the person seeking the protection of such guaranty would otherwise have been subject under the provisions of this act. The word "dealer" as used in this act shall be construed to include any individual or corporation, or the members of any partnership or other unincorporated association.

SEC. 6. That in prosecutions under this act each shipment or delivery for shipment shall constitute a separate offense.

SEC. 7. That this act shall take effect from and after one year from the date of its passage.

A supplemental report setting forth at large the reasons moving the committee to recommend the above amendments will be filed later.

