

75TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2068

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29 (calendar day, APRIL 5), 1937

Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce

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 no producer, manufacturer, or dealer shall ship or
4 deliver for shipment in interstate or foreign commerce any
5 article or commodity the product of any mine, quarry, mill,
6 cannery, workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment,
7 situated in the United States, in which within thirty days
8 prior to the removal of such product therefrom children under
9 the age of sixteen years have been employed or permitted
10 to work.

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

5 SEC. 3. That for the purpose of securing proper enforce-
6 ment of this Act the Secretary of Labor, or any person duly
7 authorized by the Secretary of Labor, shall have authority
8 to enter and inspect at any time mines, quarries, mills,
9 canneries, workshops, factories, manufacturing establish-
10 ments, and other places in which goods are produced or
11 held for interstate commerce; and the Secretary of Labor
12 shall have authority to employ such assistance for the pur-
13 poses of this Act as may from time to time be authorized
14 by appropriation or other law.

15 SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of each district attorney
16 to whom the Secretary of Labor shall report any violation
17 of this Act, or to whom any State factory or mining or
18 quarry inspector, commissioner of labor, State medical in-
19 spector, or school-attendance officer, or any other person
20 shall present satisfactory evidence of any such violation to
21 cause appropriate proceedings to be commenced and prose-
22 cuted in the proper courts of the United States without delay
23 for the enforcement of the penalties in such cases herein
24 provided.

1 SEC. 5. That any person who violates any of the pro-
2 visions of section 1 of this Act, or who refuses or obstructs
3 entry or inspection authorized by section 3 of this Act, shall
4 for each offense prior to the first conviction of such person
5 under the provisions of this Act, be punished by a fine of not
6 more than \$200, and shall for each offense subsequent to
7 such conviction be punished by a fine of not more than
8 \$1,000, nor less than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more
9 than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment,
10 in the discretion of the court.

11 SEC. 6. That the word "person" as used in this Act
12 shall be construed to include any individual or corporation
13 or the members of any partnership or other unincorporated
14 association. The term "ship or deliver for shipment in inter-
15 state or foreign commerce" as used in this Act means to
16 transport or to ship or deliver for shipment from any State
17 or Territory or the District of Columbia to or through any
18 other State or Territory or the District of Columbia or to
19 any foreign country; and in the case of a dealer means only
20 to transport or to ship or deliver for shipment from the
21 State, Territory, or district of manufacture or production.

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