

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pensacola and Perdido
5 Bays Estuary of National Significance Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PENSACOLA AND PERDIDO BAYS.**

2 Section 320(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Water Pollution
3 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(a)(2)(B)) is amended by
4 striking “and Lower Columbia River, Oregon and Wash-
5 ington” and inserting “Lower Columbia River, Oregon
6 and Washington; and Pensacola and Perdido Bays, Flor-
7 ida and Alabama”.