



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

October 29, 1999

H. Con. Res. 189

**Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the wasteful and
unsportsmanlike practice known as shark finning**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 27, 1999

H. Con. Res. 189 would express the sense of the Congress that federal, state, and regional agencies should prohibit the practice of shark finning in federal and state waters in the Pacific Ocean and elsewhere. Shark finning is the practice of removing a shark's fins and dumping the carcass into the water. CBO estimates that H. Con. Res. 189 would have no impact on the federal budget. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

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