Amendment to H.R. 6013 Offered by Mr. Bishop of Utah

- Page 2, line 6, insert "FRAMEWORK" before "CLOSING".
- Page 2, line 9, strike "a framework" and insert "the Federal framework for outside dates within which the States may select seasons".
- Page 2, starting line 11, strike "establish January 31 of each year as the Federal closing date of" and insert "with respect to".
- Page 2, line 13, strike the period and insert a dash.
- Page 2, after line 13 insert the following:
- "(A) adopt the recommendation of each respective flyway council (as defined in section 20.152 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations) for the Federal framework, but the framework closing date shall be January 31 of each year; and
- "(B) allow the states to establish the closing date for the hunting season in accordance with the Federal framework.
- Page 2, strike line 16, and insert:

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"(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the closing date under".

- Page 2, line 17, insert "and subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C)," after "(1),".
- Page 2, line 17, strike "youths," and insert "states to select 2 days for youths and 2 days for".
- Page 2, beginning line 22, strike "during the first weekend in February of each year." and insert ". Such days shall be treated as an addition to the regular hunting season lengths selected by the states.".
- Page 2, after line 23, insert the following:
 - "(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In selecting days under subparagraph (A), a state shall ensure that—
 - (i) The days selected—
 - (I) Do not fall within the regular hunting season for ducks, mergansers, and coots;
 - (II) With regard to youth days, are on a weekend, holiday or other day in which schools are not in session; and
 - (III) Are not more than 14 days before or after the hunting season for duck, mergansers, and coots; and
 - (ii) The total number of days in a hunting season for ducks, mergansers and coots, including any days selected under subparagraph (A), is not more than 107 days.

"(C) LIMITATION.—A state may combine the 2 days allowed for youths with the 2 days allowed for veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty under subparagraph (A), but in no circumstance may a state have more than a total of 4 additional days added to its regular hunting season for any purpose.

Page 2, beginning line 24, strike the text through page 4, line 1, and insert:

"(3) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations in accordance with this subsection for the Federal framework for migratory bird hunting for the 2019-2020 hunting season and each hunting season thereafter.".

Amend the title to read: To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to establish January 31 of each year as the Federal framework closing date for the duck hunting season and to establish special duck hunting days for youths, veterans, and active military personnel, and for other purposes.