

THE
PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

A number of bills have been introduced in the federal House of Representatives to extend the protection afforded bald and golden eagles to hawks and owls. The most oft quoted of these is H.R. 5821, submitted by Mr. Dingle. This bill would outlaw trapping or killing of hawks and owls without a permit from the Secretary of the Interior. It would make illegal the taking of these birds for purposes of falconry.

Many conflicting versions of what this bill contains have reached my eyes and ears. I have been receiving impassioned phone calls and letters from banders and falconers. Many of these contained misinformation, so I obtained copies of the proposed legislation and the law proposes to amend, "An Act for the Protection of the Bald Eagle", approved June 8, 1940 (16 U.S.C. 688). Those of you who wish to deal with facts rather than emotions should also do so. Then write to your Congressman and to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries expressing your views on the subject.

It is important.

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President

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