

21 February 2024

Senate Committee on Rules

Re: Senate Bill 1548

Dear Chair Senator Lieber, Vice-Chair Senator Knopp, and members Senators Hansell, Manning, Jr., and Steiner;

I've 47 years in the U. S. Merchant Marine. In navigating around this beautiful planet of ours we used to use, (and some still do) the data from the Nautical Almanac published by the U.S. Naval Observatory to aid in fixing a vessel's position using celestial navigation. "Time" is crucial in determining *Longitude*.

Since that almanac has been published—beginning in 1852—the west coast of the United States has been considered to be in Time Zone +8, which in the vernacular is Pacific *Standard* Time. It also carries an alphabet designation, "U" which some users prefer.

A copy of established time zones follows at the end of this letter.

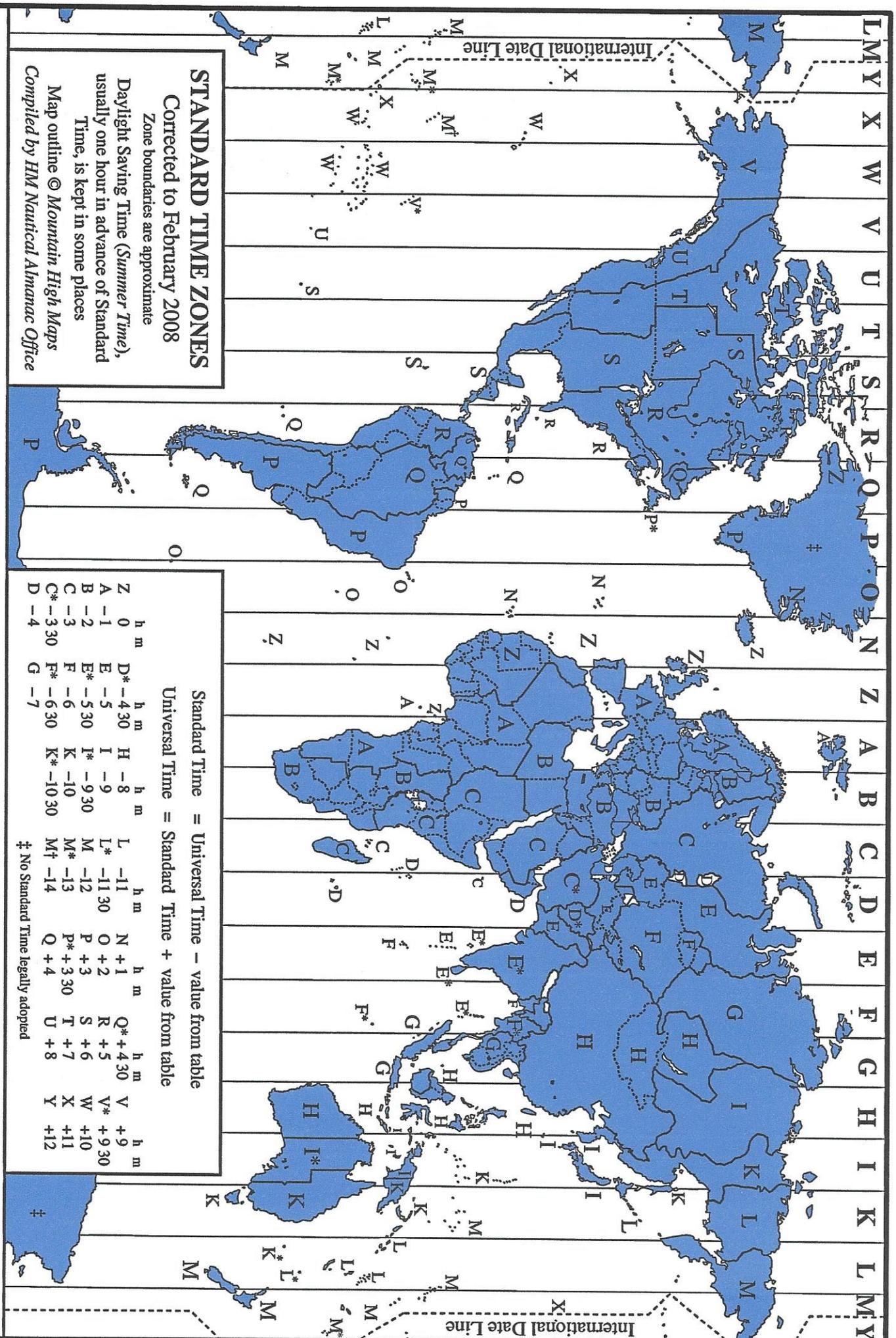
It am telling you this because it has puzzled me from the beginning why there has been—and still is—a push to make Daylight Savings time the standard when it has been Standard time from the beginning. Why would the west coast need to keep Mountain Time, which is what Daylight Savings Time is?

In any case it is encouraging to see the shift to do away with the obsolete system of changing time zones twice annually. Hopefully this bill will be passed out of Committee. I am confident this bill would get the support it needs. I for one support Senate Bill 1548.

Best regards,



Richard Wisner



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International Date Line

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