

Union Calendar No. 361

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 529

[Report No. 118–436]

To extend the customs waters of the United States from 12 nautical miles to 24 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States, consistent with Presidential Proclamation 7219.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2023

Mr. WALTZ (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. MAST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

APRIL 2, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. EZELL, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MOYLAN, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. GUEST, Ms. MACE, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. GAETZ, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. POSEY, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. BABIN

APRIL 2, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 25, 2023]

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 “Extending Limits of*
5 *U.S. Customs Waters Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF CUSTOMS WATERS.**

7 *(a) TARIFF ACT OF 1930.—Section 401(j) of the Tariff*
8 *Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1401(j)) is amended—*

9 *(1) by striking “means, in the case” and insert-*
10 *ing the following: “means—*

11 *“(1) in the case”;*

12 *(2) by striking “of the coast of the United*
13 *States” the first place it appears and inserting “from*
14 *the baselines of the United States, determined in ac-*
15 *cordance with international law,”;*

16 *(3) by striking “and, in the case” and inserting*
17 *the following: “; and*

18 *“(2) in the case”; and*

19 *(4) by striking “the waters within four leagues*
20 *of the coast of the United States.” and inserting the*
21 *following: “the waters within—*

22 *“(A) the territorial sea of the United States,*
23 *to the limits permitted by international law in*
24 *accordance with Presidential Proclamation 5928*
25 *of December 27, 1988; and*

1 “(B) the contiguous zone of the United
2 States, to the limits permitted by international
3 law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
4 tion 7219 of September 2, 1999.”.

5 (b) ANTI-SMUGGLING ACT.—Section 401(c) of the
6 Anti-Smuggling Act (19 U.S.C. 1709(c)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “means, in the case” and insert-
8 ing the following: “means—

9 “(1) in the case”;

10 (2) by striking “of the coast of the United
11 States” the first place it appears and inserting “from
12 the baselines of the United States, determined in ac-
13 cordance with international law,”;

14 (3) by striking “and, in the case” and inserting
15 the following: “; and

16 “(2) in the case”; and

17 (4) by striking “the waters within four leagues
18 of the coast of the United States.” and inserting the
19 following: “the waters within—

20 “(A) the territorial sea of the United States,
21 to the limits permitted by international law in
22 accordance with Presidential Proclamation 5928
23 of December 27, 1988; and

24 “(B) the contiguous zone of the United
25 States, to the limits permitted by international

1 *law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-*
2 *tion 7219 of September 2, 1999.”.*

3 *(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this*
4 *section shall take effect on the day after the date of the en-*
5 *actment of this Act.*

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