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H. R. 10176

To prohibit Chinese seafood products in congressional dining facilities, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on House Administration

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 “No PRC Seafood in
5 Congress Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Forced labor is pervasive in fishing, seafood
9 harvesting, aquaculture, and seafood processing sup-
10 ply chains in the People’s Republic of China.

1 (2) The lack of reliable supply-chain trans-
2 parency and traceability makes it impracticable to
3 verify that seafood products from the People’s Re-
4 public of China are free from forced labor.

5 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF CHINESE SEAFOOD PRODUCTS IN**
6 **CONGRESSIONAL DINING FACILITIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Chinese seafood product may
8 be procured, served, or sold in a congressional dining facil-
9 ity.

10 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, each covered entity
12 shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section with
13 respect to a congressional dining facility under the juris-
14 diction, authority, supervision, or oversight of the covered
15 entity.

16 (c) COUNTRY CERTIFICATIONS.—The regulations
17 under subsection (b) shall require that any person who
18 supplies a seafood product for a congressional dining facil-
19 ity to—

20 (1) certify each and every country in which the
21 seafood contained in such product was fished, har-
22 vested, raised, produced, or processed; and

23 (2) retain records sufficient to substantiate the
24 certifications under paragraph (1).

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) CHINESE SEAFOOD PRODUCT.—The term
2 “Chinese seafood product” means seafood product
3 intended for human consumption that—

4 (A) is fished, harvested, raised, produced,
5 or processed, in whole or in part, in the Peo-
6 ple’s Republic of China; or

7 (B) is harvested or produced by a vessel—

8 (i) owned or operated by a national of,
9 or an entity organized under the laws of,
10 the People’s Republic of China; or

11 (ii) registered under the laws of the
12 People’s Republic of China.

13 (2) CONGRESSIONAL DINING FACILITY.—The
14 term “congressional dining facility” means any cafe-
15 teria, restaurant, eatery, other dining establishment,
16 or food service facility located in any of the Capitol
17 Buildings, as defined in section 5101 of title 40,
18 United States Code, or on the United States Capitol
19 Grounds, as described in section 5102 of such title.

20 (3) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
21 tity” means the following:

22 (A) The Committee on House Administra-
23 tion of the House of Representatives.

24 (B) The Committee on Rules and Adminis-
25 tration of the Senate.

1 (C) The Architect of the Capitol.

2 (D) Any other entity with jurisdiction, au-
3 thority, supervision, or oversight with respect to
4 a congressional dining facility.

5 (4) PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.—The term
6 “People’s Republic of China” includes the Hong
7 Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macau
8 Special Administrative Region and does not include
9 Taiwan.

10 (5) SEAFOOD PRODUCT.—The term “seafood
11 product” includes the following:

12 (A) Fish, shellfish, processed fish, shellfish
13 products, and all other forms of marine or
14 aquatic animal life.

15 (B) Any food for human consumption with
16 respect to which a fish, shellfish, or other form
17 of marine or aquatic animal life is a character-
18 izing ingredient.

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