

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9789

To amend section 1839 of title 18, United States Code, to provide that an entity domiciled in a foreign adversary country is a foreign instrumentality for purposes of the prohibition on economic espionage under such section.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2026

Mr. MOOLENAAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Stop PRC Economic
5 Espionage Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING THAT AN ENTITY DOMICILED IN A FOR-**
2 **EIGN ADVERSARY COUNTRY IS A FOREIGN IN-**
3 **STRUMENTALITY.**

4 Section 1839(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “is substantially owned, controlled,
6 sponsored, commanded, managed, or dominated by a for-
7 eign government;” and inserting the following: “is—

8 “(A) substantially owned, controlled, spon-
9 sored, commanded, managed, or dominated by a
10 foreign government; or

11 “(B) domiciled in a covered nation, as de-
12 fined in section 4872 of title 10;”.

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