

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1078

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to prescribe a rule that prohibits the importation for disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls at concentrations of 50 parts per million or greater.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 1997

Ms. RIVERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF POLY-**
4 **CHLORINATED BIPHENYLS FOR DISPOSAL.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Administrator of the Envi-
6 ronmental Protection Agency shall prescribe a rule under
7 section 6(e)(1) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15
8 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.) to prohibit the importation into the

1 United States for disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls, or
2 polychlorinated biphenyl items, at concentrations of 50
3 parts per million or greater.

4 (b) EXCEPTION.—

5 (1) PETITION.—The Administrator may use the
6 authority under section 6(e)(3) of the Toxic Sub-
7 stances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2605(e)(3)) to ac-
8 cept and consider petitions to exempt from the pro-
9 hibition prescribed under subsection (a) specific
10 transboundary shipments into the United States for
11 disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls, or poly-
12 chlorinated biphenyl items, at concentrations of 50
13 parts per million or greater.

14 (2) REPORT.—In any case in which the Admin-
15 istrator grants an exemption pursuant to such a pe-
16 tition, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a
17 report containing notice of the exemption and the
18 reasons for the exemption. The exemption may not
19 take effect until the expiration of the 60-day period
20 beginning on the date the report is received by Con-
21 gress.

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