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To impose a temporary ban on the importation of certain steel products from Japan, Russia, and Brazil, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADERHOLT (for himself, Mr. NEY, Mr. REGULA, Mr. WALSH, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. DICKY, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. Brown of Ohio, and Mr. KUCINICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To impose a temporary ban on the importation of certain steel products from Japan, Russia, and Brazil, and for other purposes.

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. TEMPORARY BAN ON STEEL IMPORTS FROM**
4 **JAPAN, RUSSIA, AND BRAZIL.**

5 No hot-rolled steel products or plate steel products
6 that are the product or manufacture of Japan, Russia, or
7 Brazil may enter the customs territory of the United
8 States, effective for the 1-year period beginning 10 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF ANTIDUMPING DUTIES.**

2 (a) RETROACTIVE ASSESSMENT OF DUTIES.—In any
3 case in which antidumping duties are imposed upon steel
4 products of a foreign country pursuant to subtitle B of
5 title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930, the Secretary of Com-
6 merce shall, in addition to assessing such duties on entries
7 made after the effective date of the antidumping order,
8 assess such duties on entries made prior to that effective
9 date for such period as the dumping occurred prior to the
10 issuance of the order, but in no case earlier than 1 year
11 before the date on which—

12 (1) the applicable petition was filed under sec-
13 tion 732(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, or

14 (2) the Secretary initiated the investigation
15 under section 732(a) of that Act,

16 as the case may be.

17 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) applies to any
18 antidumping proceeding pending on, or initiated on or
19 after, the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

21 It is the sense of the Congress that the President
22 should respond to complaints filed by trading partners of
23 the United States regarding the prohibition on imports of
24 their steel products required by section 1 by addressing
25 the failure of the governments of those countries to make
26 their companies abide by the spirit and letter of inter-

1 national trade agreements with respect to dumping and
2 by stating that such a deliberate assault on United States
3 steel markets constitutes a legitimate national security
4 concern, since a viable domestic steel industry is crucial
5 to the readiness of, and timely production of materials for,
6 the Armed Forces of the United States.

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