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# H. R. 1392

To require inspection of all cargo on commercial trucks and vessels entering the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. OTTER, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. COBLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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. MANDATORY INSPECTION OF CARGO.**

4       (a) MANDATORY INSPECTIONS.—No cargo trans-  
5       ported by a commercial motor vehicle may enter the  
6       United States from Canada or Mexico, and no cargo trans-  
7       ported by vessel may be unloaded in the United States,  
8       unless an appropriate officer or employee of the Direc-

1 torate of Border and Transportation Security or other ap-  
2 propriate officer or employee of the United States has in-  
3 spected the cargo to ensure that it complies with the laws  
4 of the United States.

5 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) CARGO.—The term “cargo” means prop-  
7 erty, or mail, or both.

8 (2) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term  
9 “commercial motor vehicle” means a commercial  
10 motor vehicle as defined in section 31101(1) of title  
11 49, United States Code, that is used principally to  
12 transport cargo.

13 (3) UNITED STATES; VESSEL.—The terms  
14 “United States” and “vessel” have the meanings  
15 given those terms in section 401 of the Tariff Act  
16 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1401).

17 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 This Act shall take effect 6 months after the date  
19 of the enactment of this Act.

