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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERSTAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT BY INDUSTRIES IN-**
4 **JURED BY IMPORTS.**

5 For purposes of making a determination under sec-
6 tion 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252(b))
7 with respect to increased imports of semi-finished steel

1 slabs, taconite pellets produced in the United States shall
 2 be considered to be an article like or directly competitive
 3 with such semi-finished steel slabs.

4 **SEC. 2. COUNTERVAILING AND ANTIDUMPING DUTY DE-**
 5 **TERMINATIONS.**

6 In any case in which semi-finished steel slabs are the
 7 subject of an investigation under title VII of the Tariff
 8 Act of 1930, taconite pellets produced in the United States
 9 shall be considered to be a domestic like product with re-
 10 spect to such semi-finished steel slabs.

11 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR TRADE AD-**
 12 **JUSTMENT ASSISTANCE IN CASES INVOLVING**
 13 **TACONITE PELLETS.**

14 For purposes of determining, under section 222 of
 15 the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2272), the eligibility
 16 of a group of workers for adjustment assistance under
 17 chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, semi-fin-
 18 ished steel slabs shall be considered to be articles like or
 19 directly competitive with taconite pellets.

20 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) SEMI-FINISHED STEEL SLAB.—The term
 23 “semi-finished steel slab” means a cold rectangular
 24 steel section having a minimum thickness of 1½
 25 inches and a minimum width not less than twice the

1 thickness, which is converted into finished steel
2 products by reheating and further hot working.

3 (2) TACONITE PELLETS.—The term “taconite
4 pellet” means a pellet that is—

5 (A) made from very finely divided iron ore
6 concentrates formed and hardened by firing;

7 (B) is larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch but smaller than
8 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter; and

9 (C) contains 60 to 67 percent iron.

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