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H. R. 6311

To amend the Trade Act of 1974 to authorize the United States Trade Representative to take discretionary action if a foreign country is engaging in unreasonable acts, policies, or practices relating to the environment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. DOGGETT) 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. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN TRADE RE-**
4 **LATIONS.**

5 Section 301(d)(3)(B) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19
6 U.S.C. 2411(d)(3)(B)) is amended—

7 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at the end;

1 (2) in clause (iii)(V), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; or”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new
4 clause:

5 “(iv) constitutes a persistent pattern
6 of conduct that—

7 “(I) fails to effectively enforce
8 the environmental laws of a foreign
9 country;

10 “(II) waives or otherwise dero-
11 gates from the environmental laws of
12 a foreign country or weakens the pro-
13 tections afforded by such laws;

14 “(III) fails to provide for judicial
15 or administrative proceedings giving
16 access to remedies for violations of the
17 environmental laws of a foreign coun-
18 try; or

19 “(IV) fails to provide appropriate
20 and effective sanctions or remedies for
21 violations of the environmental laws of
22 a foreign country.”.

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