

118TH CONGRESS
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To require the Secretary of Commerce to reimpose duties on steel imported into the United States from Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. VANCE, and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Mexico’s Steel
5 Surge Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMPOSITION OF DUTIES ON AND ESTABLISH-**
2 **MENT OF QUOTAS OR TARIFF RATE QUOTAS**
3 **FOR STEEL IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED**
4 **STATES FROM MEXICO.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that—

7 (1) the Government of Mexico is in material
8 breach of the commitments made under the Joint
9 Statement; and

10 (2) that material breach has caused significant
11 damage to the steel industry in the United States,
12 which is vital to the national security of the United
13 States.

14 (b) REIMPOSITION OF DUTIES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to section 232 of
16 the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862),
17 for a period of not less than one year, the Secretary
18 of Commerce shall impose duties on steel imported
19 into the United States from Mexico equivalent to the
20 duties that were in place on May 16, 2019.

21 (2) LIFTING OF DUTIES.—The Secretary of
22 Commerce may not decrease or eliminate the duties
23 required to be imposed under paragraph (1) unless
24 the Secretary of Commerce and the United States
25 Trade Representative certify to Congress that—

1 (A) the Government of Mexico has adopted
2 policies and practices to bring that Government
3 into compliance with the terms of the Joint
4 Statement; and

5 (B) the Secretary of Commerce and the
6 United States Trade Representative are con-
7 fident that the Government of Mexico will
8 maintain the policies necessary to remain in
9 compliance with its commitments to the United
10 States in connection with the Joint Statement.

11 (c) QUOTAS OR TARIFF RATE QUOTAS.—The Presi-
12 dent may impose supplementary quotas or tariff rate
13 quotas on steel imported into the United States from Mex-
14 ico to ensure that imports of steel into the United States
15 from Mexico return to historic volumes of trade, as speci-
16 fied under the Joint Statement.

17 (d) JOINT STATEMENT DEFINED.—In this section,
18 the term “Joint Statement” means the Joint Statement
19 by the United States and Mexico on Section 232 Duties
20 on Steel and Aluminum, agreed to on May 17, 2019.