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Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

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Finance Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 31, 2007

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2942	Related bill	Jul 12, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act of 2007 - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to: (1) report biannually to Congress on international monetary policy and currency exchange rates; and (2) appear, if requested, before certain congressional committees to testify regarding such reports.

Prescribes report contents, including: (1) an analysis of currency market developments and the relationship between the U.S. dollar and the currencies of major economies and trading partners of the United States; (2) a review of the economic and monetary policies of major economies and trading partners of the United States and an evaluation of how such policies impact currency exchange rates; and (3) a list of currencies designated as fundamentally misaligned currencies.

(Sec. 4) Instructs the Secretary to: (1) analyze semiannually the prevailing real effective exchange rates of foreign currencies; (2) determine whether any such currency is in fundamental misalignment; and (3) designate it for priority action if the issuing country engages in specified behavior, including excessive and prolonged official or quasi-official accumulation of foreign assets for balance of payments purposes, and excessive reserve accumulation of foreign assets.

(Sec. 5) Prescribes procedures for: (1) negotiations and consultations; and (2) actions in response to failure, including persistent failure, to adopt appropriate policies, or take identifiable action to eliminate the fundamental misalignment.

(Sec. 8) Provides for a joint resolution of congressional disapproval of any determination by the President to waive an action, on the ground that it is in the vital U.S. economic interest to do so, with respect to a country which has persistently failed to adopt appropriate policies to eliminate a fundamental currency misalignment.

(Sec. 9) Requires the United States to oppose any proposed change in the governance arrangement of an international financial institution if any of its members would benefit from the proposed change, in the form of increased voting shares or representation, despite having a currency designated for priority action under this Act.

(Sec. 10) Amends the Tariff Act of 1930 to require an adjustment in the price used to establish export (and constructed export) prices, in the case of a fundamentally misaligned currency designated for priority action, by reducing such price by the percentage by which the domestic currency of the producer or exporter is undervalued in relation to the U.S. dollar.

(Sec. 11) Adds as a factor the administering authority must take into account in determining whether a foreign country is a nonmarket economy country the question of whether its currency is designated for priority action under this Act.

(Sec. 12) Applies to Canada and Mexico the requirements of this Act pertaining to: (1) adjustments in export prices for a fundamentally misaligned currency designated for priority action; and (2) determination of nonmarket economy status.

(Sec. 13) Establishes the Advisory Committee on International Exchange Rate Policy.

(Sec. 14) Repeals the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2007:** By Senator Baucus from Committee on Finance filed written report. Report No. 110-248.
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Committee on Finance. Reported by Senator Baucus with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 293.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 13, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 13, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.