

## S 1519

### PORTS Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Jun 4, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jun 17, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1519>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 4, 2015
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 17, 2015
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 8, 2015
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Sep 15, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 17, 2015
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 17, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3433	Related bill	Nov 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Protecting Orderly and Responsible Transit of Shipments Act of 2015 or the PORTS Act**

This bill amends the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to extend to labor slowdowns occurring at U.S. ports the President's authority to appoint a board of inquiry into the issues involved.

State and territorial governors shall have authority to request the President to appoint a board of inquiry if a slowdown, or a threatened or an actual strike or lock-out, occurring at one or more U.S. ports will, if continued, imperil national or state health or safety.

If the President does not appoint a board of inquiry within 10 days after receiving a request, the governor who made the request may appoint one to report on the dispute to the governor and the President, although without recommendations. Supplemental reports are also authorized. Boards of inquiry are limited to one that may be appointed for each dispute during a 90-day period.

Governors may also petition for injunctions against such labor or management actions affecting ports in their states or territories.

The National Labor Relations Board, for each dispute, shall take not more than one secret ballot for the same employees in any 30-day period.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 17, 2015:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 17, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jun 4, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 4, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.