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Bicameral Congressional Trade Authority Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

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Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jan 31, 2019
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Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 31, 2019
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 31, 2019
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Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Feb 13, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 10, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 16, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 20, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2019
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jun 4, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 7, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 31, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 940	Identical bill	Jan 31, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

Summary (as of Jan 31, 2019)

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This bill requires congressional approval for a presidential import adjustment due to a national security threat from an import related to military equipment, energy resources, or critical infrastructure essential to national security. Specifically, the bill requires the President to submit a proposal to Congress, which Congress may approve by a joint resolution. Under current law, the President determines whether any adjustment of an import is necessary and must submit to Congress the reasons for any action taken or not taken.

The Department of Defense (currently, the Department of Commerce) must investigate the effect of these imports on national security.

The bill retroactively applies to any proposed action made four years before enactment of this bill. In general, any rate of duty modification occurring in the time period beginning four years before and ending the day before enactment of this bill must revert to the previous rate unless it receives congressional approval.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 31, 2019: Introduced in Senate
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