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Import Tax Relief Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

Introduced: Feb 27, 2019

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 27, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]

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

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| Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO] | R · CO | | May 7, 2019 |
| Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ] | D · AZ | | Jun 28, 2019 |
| Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL] | D · AL | | Jul 8, 2019 |

Committee Activity

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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Feb 27, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

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| 116 HR 1452 | Identical bill | Feb 28, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. |

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This bill requires the President to establish a process by which certain articles imported from China may be excluded from duties.

Specifically, the bill requires the creation of a process whereby U.S. entities may request that articles imported from China be excluded from duties imposed under the Trade Act of 1974. Such an exclusion must be based on a determination that the article can easily be excluded by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and that (1) the article is not commercially available outside of China or produced at a cost-competitive price, (2) a duty on the article would increase consumer prices for everyday items consumed by low- or middle-income families in the United States, or (3) the article does not directly benefit from nonmarket-based policies of China.

Further, this exclusion applies retroactively to recently imported articles that would have been subject to a lower rate under this bill.

Actions Timeline

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