

HR 1836

Ocean Shipping Reform Implementation Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]

Party: Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Mar 28, 2023
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2023
Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Apr 18, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2024
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	May 23, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill expands the Federal Maritime Commission's authority to regulate technology and anticompetitive practices within the international ocean transportation system.

First, the bill expands the definition of *controlled carrier* (a category of carriers that are subject to additional regulatory oversight) to include carriers legally or financially related to a corporation based in a nonmarket economy country.

Additionally, the bill requires the commission to accept and investigate complaints concerning alleged anticompetitive practices by registered shipping exchanges. (A shipping exchange is a data platform that enables businesses shipping goods to connect with carriers to transport those goods.)

Further, the bill requires the commission to establish a data standard to facilitate the voluntary sharing of supply chain data among U.S. shipping industry stakeholders. This standard must allow users to exchange data (using standardized terms and methods of measurement) in real time. The bill allows the Department of Transportation to require port authorities to adopt the standard to receive certain grants.

The commission must also establish standards for price indexes for containerized ocean freight that are published by shipping exchanges.

The bill also prohibits a recipient of certain federal grants from using China's logistics platform (LOGINK) or transportation logistics software controlled by a foreign adversary.

Finally, the bill establishes a National Port Advisory Committee and a National Ocean Carrier Advisory Committee. The committees, together with the existing National Shipper Advisory Committee, are charged with advising the commission on policies relating to the competitiveness, reliability, and efficiency in the international ocean freight delivery system.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Mar 21, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1321-1322)
- **Mar 21, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 393 - 24 (Roll no. 98). (text: 3/19/2024 CR H1213-1215)
- **Mar 21, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 393 - 24 (Roll no. 98). (text: 3/19/2024 CR H1213-1215)
- **Mar 21, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 19, 2024:** Mr. Johnson (SD) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 19, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1213-1216)
- **Mar 19, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1836.
- **Mar 19, 2024:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 26, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 118-218.
- **Sep 26, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 177.
- **May 23, 2023:** Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Discharged
- **May 23, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 23, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 58 - 1.
- **Mar 29, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Mar 28, 2023:** Introduced in House
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