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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. POMEROY, and Mr. ALLARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND POLICY.**

4       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following  
5 findings:

6               (1) The European Union's prohibition on the  
7 importation into member states of the European  
8 Union of meat from animals treated with hormones

1 and the European Union's Third Country Meat Di-  
2 rective are nontariff trade barriers.

3 (2) The maintenance of these nontariff barriers  
4 is a major impediment to United States meat ex-  
5 ports to the member states of the European Union.

6 (3) United States producers of meat products  
7 have been injured by being denied the opportunity to  
8 sell their products in the members states of the Eu-  
9 ropean Union.

10 (4) The imposition of these nontariff barriers  
11 has had harmful effects on United States commer-  
12 cial interests and has created serious trade disputes  
13 between the United States and the European Union.

14 (5) Efforts by the United States Government to  
15 negotiate resolutions to these disputes have been un-  
16 successful.

17 (6) In order to prevent further economic injury  
18 to the United States meat industry, the United  
19 States Government must take stronger action to re-  
20 move the major impediments to United States ex-  
21 ports created by the nontariff trade barriers de-  
22 scribed in paragraph (1).

23 (b) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States  
24 that—

1           (1) the European Union’s prohibition on the  
2           importation into member states of the European  
3           Union of meat from animals treated with hormones  
4           and the European Community’s Third Country Meat  
5           Directive are nontariff trade barriers; and

6           (2) it is in the public interest to remove these  
7           barriers to exports of United States meat products.

8 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST ENTRY OF EUROPEAN**  
9 **UNION MEAT PRODUCTS.**

10          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after the  
11          date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall pro-  
12          hibit the entry, or withdrawal from warehouse for con-  
13          sumption, into the customs territory of the United States  
14          of all meat products of member states of the European  
15          Union.

16          (b) DURATION.—The prohibition imposed under sub-  
17          section (a) shall remain in full force and effect until the  
18          Secretary of Agriculture and the United States Trade  
19          Representative—

20                 (1) determine that the European Union has re-  
21                 moved the prohibition on imports described in sec-  
22                 tion 1(b), and that meat products produced in the  
23                 United States are permitted full and fair access to  
24                 the markets of the European Union; and

1           (2) submit to the Congress the determination  
2           under paragraph (1), together with the reasons un-  
3           derlying the determination.

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