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H. R. 6279

To reduce speculation in crude oil markets, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHABOT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Oil Speculation Reduc-

5 tion Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECULATIVE LIMITS AND TRANSPARENCY FOR**
7 **OFF-SHORE OIL TRADING.**

8 Section 4 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C.
9 6) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(e)(1) The Commission shall not exempt a board of
11 trade, exchange, or market located outside the United

1 States from the requirement of subsection (a) to become
2 a designated contract market, derivatives transaction exe-
3 cution facility, or other registered entity, with respect to
4 agreements, contracts, and transactions in crude oil to be
5 physically delivered in the United States, unless the Com-
6 mission determines that the board of trade, exchange, or
7 market—

8 “(A) applies principles or requirements regard-
9 ing the daily publication of trading information and
10 position limits or accountability levels for speculators
11 in the agreements, contracts, or transactions that
12 are comparable to those applied by a designated con-
13 tract market, derivatives transaction execution facil-
14 ity, or other registered entity;

15 “(B) provides information to the Commission,
16 regarding the extent of speculative and nonspecula-
17 tive trading in agreements, contracts, and trans-
18 actions in crude oil that is comparable to the infor-
19 mation the Commission determines necessary to
20 publish a Commitment of Traders report for a des-
21 ignated contract market, derivatives transaction exe-
22 cution facility, or other registered entity with respect
23 to the trading; and

24 “(C) imposes margin requirements that are—

1 “(i) comparable to those imposed by a des-
2 gnated contract market, derivatives transaction
3 execution facility, or other registered entity for
4 other commodities; and

5 “(ii) sufficient to reduce excessive specula-
6 tion and protect consumers.

7 “(2) During the 6-month period that begins 1 year
8 after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the
9 Commission shall determine whether to continue to grant
10 any exemption described in paragraph (1) that was grant-
11 ed before such date of enactment to any board of trade,
12 exchange, or market located outside the United States.”.

13 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.**

14 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
16 shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House
17 of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-
18 trition, and Forestry of the Senate a report describing the
19 effects of the amendment made by section 2 on the trading
20 facilities, agreements, contracts, and transactions subject
21 to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

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