

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2538

To prohibit an increase in duties on imports of steel and aluminum.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2018

Mr. FLAKE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To prohibit an increase in duties on imports of steel and aluminum.

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. PROHIBITION ON INCREASES IN DUTIES ON IM-**  
4 **PORTS OF STEEL AND ALUMINUM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
6 sion of law, the rates of duty applicable to articles speci-  
7 fied in subsection (b) under the Harmonized Tariff Sched-  
8 ule of the United States (in this section referred to as the  
9 “HTS”) on March 22, 2018, shall remain in effect on and  
10 after March 23, 2018, without regard to any presidential

1 proclamation issued on March 8, 2018, or any other date  
2 relating to—

3 (1) the report of the Secretary of Commerce on  
4 the Secretary's investigation into the effect of im-  
5 ports of steel articles on the national security of the  
6 United States transmitted to the President on Janu-  
7 ary 11, 2018; or

8 (2) the report of the Secretary of Commerce on  
9 the Secretary's investigation into the effect of im-  
10 ports of aluminum on the national security of the  
11 United States transmitted to the President on Janu-  
12 ary 19, 2018.

13 (b) ARTICLES SPECIFIED.—The articles specified in  
14 this subsection are the following:

15 (1) Articles of steel classifiable under any of  
16 subheadings 7206.10 through 7216.50, 7216.99  
17 through 7301.10, 7302.10, 7302.40 through  
18 7302.90, or 7304.10 through 7306.90 of the HTS.

19 (2) Unwrought aluminum classifiable under  
20 heading 7601 of the HTS.

21 (3) Aluminum bars, rods, and profiles classifi-  
22 able under heading 7604 of the HTS.

23 (4) Aluminum wire classifiable under heading  
24 7605 of the HTS.

1           (5) Aluminum plates, sheets, strips classifiable  
2 under heading 7606 of the HTS.

3           (6) Aluminum foil classifiable under heading  
4 7607 of the HTS.

5           (7) Aluminum tubes and pipes classifiable  
6 under heading 7608 of the HTS.

7           (8) Aluminum tube and pipe fittings classifiable  
8 under heading 7609 of the HTS.

9           (9) Aluminum castings classifiable under statis-  
10 tical reporting number 7616.99.51.60 of the HTS.

11           (10) Aluminum forgings classifiable under sta-  
12 tistical reporting number 7616.99.51.70 of the HTS.

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