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# S. 1453

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2019

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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Assistance for Farmers  
5       Harmed by Tariffs on Exports Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) In recognition that trade policy can result  
2           in disparate and disruptive changes to the economy,  
3           the trade adjustment assistance program under title  
4           II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251 et  
5           seq.) was enacted to help workers adversely im-  
6           pacted by the trade policy decisions of the Federal  
7           Government.

8           (2) Federal trade statutes, including section  
9           232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C.  
10          1862), section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19  
11          U.S.C. 2411), and potentially the International  
12          Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701  
13          et seq.), are being used aggressively to increase tar-  
14          iffs on selected imports.

15          (3) Foreign countries affected by such tariff in-  
16          creases have, as of the date of the enactment of this  
17          Act, already raised tariffs on United States agricul-  
18          tural exports or have indicated that they intend to  
19          respond by raising tariffs on such agricultural ex-  
20          ports.

21          (4) Increased tariffs on such agricultural ex-  
22          ports threaten to cost United States agricultural  
23          producers global market share and reduce the in-  
24          come of producers in affected commodities.

1           (5) Farmers adversely impacted by the effects  
2           of increased tariffs on such agricultural exports de-  
3           serve adjustment assistance.

4   **SEC. 3. ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR RETALIATORY TAR-**  
5           **IFF INCREASES.**

6           Section 292(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.  
7   2401a(c)) is amended—

8           (1) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3); and

9           (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
10          lowing:

11          “(2) either—

12                  “(A) the volume of imports of articles like,  
13                  or directly competitive with, the agricultural  
14                  commodity produced by the group in the mar-  
15                  keting year with respect to which the group  
16                  files the petition increased compared to the av-  
17                  erage volume of such imports during the 3 mar-  
18                  keting years preceding such marketing year; or

19                  “(B)(i) the volume of exports of the agri-  
20                  cultural commodity produced by the group in  
21                  the marketing year with respect to which the  
22                  group files the petition decreased compared to  
23                  the average volume of such exports during the  
24                  3 marketing years preceding such marketing  
25                  year; and

1           “(ii) the decrease in exports described in  
 2           clause (i) resulted in whole or in part from du-  
 3           ties imposed on such exports by a foreign coun-  
 4           try in response to duties imposed by the United  
 5           States on imports from such country pursuant  
 6           to action taken under the authority of—

7                   “(I) section 232 of the Trade Expan-  
 8                   sion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862);

9                   “(II) section 301 of this Act (19  
 10                  U.S.C. 2411); or

11                  “(III) the International Emergency  
 12                  Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et  
 13                  seq.); and

14           “(3) the increase in imports described in para-  
 15           graph (2)(A) or the decrease in exports described in  
 16           paragraph (2)(B) contributed importantly to the de-  
 17           crease in the national average price, quantity of pro-  
 18           duction, or value of production of, or cash receipts  
 19           for, the agricultural commodity, as described in  
 20           paragraph (1).”.

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