

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 219

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOGGETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Earth Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND**
2 **REGULATIONS.**

3 Section 502 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
4 2462) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

6 (A) by inserting after subparagraph (H)
7 the following new subparagraph:

8 “(I) Such country fails to effectively en-
9 force its environmental laws, regulations, or
10 other measures, or to fulfill its international en-
11 vironmental obligations, including as such obli-
12 gations relate to public health.”; and

13 (B) in the matter following subparagraph
14 (I) (as added by subparagraph (A))—

15 (i) by striking “and (H)” and insert-
16 ing “(H)”; and

17 (ii) by striking “shall not prevent”
18 and inserting “, and (I) shall not prevent”;
19 and

20 (2) in subsection (c)—

21 (A) in paragraph (6)(B), by striking “and”
22 at the end;

23 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-
24 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following new
26 paragraph:

1 “(8) the extent to which such country effec-
2 tively enforces its environmental laws, regulations,
3 and other measures, and fulfills its international en-
4 vironmental obligations, including as such obliga-
5 tions relate to public health.”.

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