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H. R. 9277

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2024

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. WEBER of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, Science, Space, and Technology, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, Oversight and Accountability, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Restricting Environ-
5 mental Gamesmanship Act” or the “REG Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON AGENCY RULE MAKING.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “agen-
3 cy” and “rule” have the meanings given those terms in
4 section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

5 (b) PROHIBITION.—In promulgating a rule or admin-
6 istering a duly enacted law of the United States an agency
7 may not consider environmental justice unless the agency
8 is required to by law.

9 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS.**

10 Effective beginning on the date of enactment of this
11 Act, the following Executive orders shall have no force or
12 effect:

13 (1) Executive Order 12898 (42 U.S.C. 4321
14 note; relating to Federal actions to address environ-
15 mental justice in minority populations and low-in-
16 come populations).

17 (2) Executive Order 14008 (42 U.S.C. 4321
18 note; relating to tackling the climate crisis at home
19 and abroad).

20 (3) Executive Order 14096 (42 U.S.C. 4321
21 note; relating to revitalizing our Nation’s commit-
22 ment to environmental justice for all).

