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To require the approval of Congress for the President to impose duties
on the importation of articles into the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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impose duties on the importation of articles into the
United States.

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 “No Taxation Without
5 Representation Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR IMPO-**
7 **SITION OF DUTIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title I of the Trade
9 Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2191 et seq.) is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 155. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR IM-**
2 **POSITION OF DUTIES.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of the en-
4 actment of this section, the President may impose a duty
5 on the importation of articles into the United States under
6 any provision of law, including a provision of law specified
7 in subsection (b), only if—

8 “(1) the President submits to Congress a pro-
9 posal to impose the duty that includes a rationale
10 for imposing the duty; and

11 “(2) there is enacted into law a joint resolution
12 approving the imposition of the duty.

13 “(b) PROVISIONS OF LAW SPECIFIED.—The provi-
14 sions of law specified in this subsection are the following:

15 “(1) This Act.

16 “(2) The Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1301
17 et seq.).

18 “(3) The Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19
19 U.S.C. 1862 et seq.).

20 “(4) The Trading with the Enemy Act (50
21 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.).

22 “(5) The International Emergency Economic
23 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

24 “(6) Any provision of law enacted to implement
25 a trade agreement to which the United States is a
26 party.

1 “(7) Any provision of a trade agreement to
2 which the United States is a party.

3 “(8) Any other provision of the customs and
4 trade laws of the United States (as defined in sec-
5 tion 2 of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforce-
6 ment Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C. 4301)).

7 “(c) TREATMENT OF EMBARGOES.—Subsection (a)
8 does not apply to the exclusion of all articles, or all of
9 a certain type of article, imported from a country from
10 entering the United States.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
12 for the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after
13 the item relating to section 154 the following:

“Sec. 155. Congressional approval required for imposition of duties.”.

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