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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. HOLLINGS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Stop Illegal Steel
5 Trade Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN VOLUME OF STEEL IMPORTS.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, within
8 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Presi-
9 dent shall take the necessary steps, by imposing quotas,

1 tariff surcharges, negotiated enforceable voluntary export
2 restraint agreements, or otherwise, to ensure that the vol-
3 ume of steel products imported into the United States dur-
4 ing any month does not exceed the average volume of steel
5 products that was imported monthly into the United
6 States during the 36-month period preceding July 1997.

7 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.**

8 Within 60 days after the date of enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, through the United
10 States Customs Service, and the Secretary of Commerce
11 shall implement a program for administering and enforce-
12 ing the restraints on imports under section 2. The Cus-
13 toms Service is authorized to refuse entry into the customs
14 territory of the United States of any steel products that
15 exceed the allowable levels of imports of such products.

16 **SEC. 4. APPLICABILITY.**

17 (a) CATEGORIES.—This Act shall apply to the follow-
18 ing categories of steel products: semifinished, plates,
19 sheets and strips, wire rods, wire and wire products, rail
20 type products, bars, structural shapes and units, pipes and
21 tubes, iron ore, and coke products.

22 (b) VOLUME.—Volume of steel products for purposes
23 of this Act shall be determined on the basis of tonnage
24 of such products.

1 **SEC. 5. EXPIRATION.**

2 This Act shall expire at the end of the 3-year period
3 beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act.

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