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# H. R. 2960

To require inspection of all cargo on commercial trucks and vessels entering the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. WOLF, Mr. OTTER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. BASS, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. POMBO, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mrs. EMERSON, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HAYES, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. PENCE, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. ROYCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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. MANDATORY INSPECTION OF CARGO.**

4 (a) MANDATORY INSPECTIONS.—No cargo trans-  
5 ported by a commercial motor vehicle may enter the  
6 United States from Canada or Mexico, and no cargo trans-

1 ported by vessel may be unloaded in the United States,  
2 unless the Customs Service or other appropriate officer  
3 or employee of the United States has inspected the cargo  
4 to ensure that it complies with the laws of the United  
5 States.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) CARGO.—The term “cargo” means prop-  
8 erty, or mail, or both.

9 (2) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term  
10 “commercial motor vehicle” means a commercial  
11 motor vehicle as defined in section 31101(1) of title  
12 49, United States Code, that is used principally to  
13 transport cargo.

14 (3) UNITED STATES; VESSEL.—The terms  
15 “United States” and “vessel” have the meanings  
16 given those terms in section 401 of the Tariff Act  
17 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1401).

18 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 This Act shall take effect 6 months after the date  
20 of the enactment of this Act.

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