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H. R. 520

To amend the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Act of 1999 to provide for increased loan guarantees for steel companies under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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. AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY STEEL LOAN**
4 **GUARANTEE ACT OF 1999.**

5 (a) PERMISSIBLE USE OF LOAN.—Section 101(f)(1)
6 of the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Act of 1999
7 (Public Law 106–51) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following: “Amounts received from a loan with respect
9 to which a guarantee is issued under this section may be

1 used to repay outstanding debts of the qualified steel com-
2 pany.”.

3 (b) GUARANTEE LEVEL.—Section 101(h)(4) of the
4 Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Act of 1999 is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “No loan guarantee” and insert-
7 ing the following:

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
9 subparagraph (B), no loan guarantee”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(B) EXCEPTION.—A loan guarantee pro-
12 vided under this section may exceed 85 percent
13 of the amount of the principal of the loan, but
14 may not exceed 95 percent of such amount, if
15 the Board determines that the aggregate
16 amount of steel imported into the United States
17 during the prior year exceeds 30 percent of the
18 aggregate amount of steel produced in the
19 United States during that year.”.

20 (c) CONVERSION OF LOAN GUARANTEE TO GRANT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(h) of the Emer-
22 gency Steel Loan Guarantee Act of 1999 is amended
23 by adding at the end the following:

24 “(5) CONVERSION OF LOAN GUARANTEE TO
25 GRANT.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Board deter-
2 mines that a qualified steel company is unable
3 to repay, in whole or in part, a loan guaranteed
4 under this section, the Board may provide a
5 grant to the company for the purpose of repay-
6 ing the loan if the Board further determines
7 that—

8 “(i) the inability of the company to
9 repay the loan is due to reasons of finan-
10 cial hardship beyond the control of the
11 company;

12 “(ii) the company has demonstrated a
13 good faith effort to be cost efficient in its
14 business practices; and

15 “(iii) the grant is in the national secu-
16 rity interests of the United States.

17 “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
18 TIONS.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—There is author-
20 ized to be appropriated to carry out this
21 paragraph \$200,000,000 for fiscal year
22 2002.

23 “(ii) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appro-
24 priated pursuant to the authorization of

1 appropriations under clause (i) are author-
2 ized to remain available until expended.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
4 101(h)(1) of the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee
5 Act of 1999 is amended by striking “All loans” and
6 inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (5), all
7 loans”.

8 (d) PROHIBITION ON LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY OF
9 BOARD.—Section 101 of the Emergency Steel Loan Guar-
10 antee Act of 1999 is amended by adding at the end the
11 following:

12 “(n) PROHIBITION ON LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY
13 OF BOARD.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law
14 (other than subsection (g)(4)), the authority of the Board
15 to provide loan guarantees to qualified steel companies in
16 accordance with this section shall not be subject to the
17 authority of any other Federal department or agency, in-
18 cluding the Office of Management and Budget.”.

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