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H. R. 7023

To prohibit the importation of petroleum products from Venezuela, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. DUNN, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. MAST, Mr. LATURNER, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. BANKS, Mr. NORMAN, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Mr. HUDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Prohibiting Oil Trade
5 with Venezuela’s Tyrant Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF VENEZUELAN**
2 **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—The President shall prohibit the
4 importation of all petroleum products (as such term is de-
5 fined in section 3 of the Energy Policy and Conservation
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 6202)) originating from Venezuela into the
7 customs territory of the United States (as such term is
8 defined in General Note 2 of the Harmonized Tariff
9 Schedule).

10 (b) PENALTIES.—The President is authorized to use
11 appropriate authorities to impose such civil or criminal
12 penalties as may be necessary to enforce the prohibition
13 under subsection (a).

14 (c) TERMINATION.—The prohibition under sub-
15 section (a) shall terminate on the day after the date on
16 which the President, acting through the Secretary of
17 State, certifies to the appropriate congressional commit-
18 tees that—

19 (1) free and fair elections have taken place in
20 Venezuela; and

21 (2) all political prisoners held by Venezuela
22 have been released.

23 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
24 For purposes of this section, the term “appropriate con-
25 gressional committees” means—

1 (1) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
2 tives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

3 (2) the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-
4 mittee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed
5 Services, the Committee on Energy and Commerce,
6 and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
7 of the House of Representatives; and

8 (3) the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-
9 mittee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
10 Armed Services, the Committee on Energy and Nat-
11 ural Resources, and the Select Committee on Intel-
12 ligence of the Senate.

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