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To provide that quantitative restrictions shall not apply with respect to certain knit performance outerwear pants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) 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. KNIT PERFORMANCE OUTERWEAR PANTS.**

4 (a) ELIMINATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRIC-
5 TIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of law, quantitative restrictions shall not
8 apply to imports of knit performance outerwear
9 pants described in paragraph (2) and classifiable in
10 subheading 6103.43.15, 6104.63.20, 6112.20.10, or

1 6113.00.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of
2 the United States to the extent entry of such pants
3 is claimed under the column 1 general rate of duty
4 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule.

5 (2) PERFORMANCE OUTERWEAR PANTS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “performance
7 outerwear pants” means ankle length pants, of
8 water-resistant or coated synthetic fiber fabrics,
9 that have 2 or more of the following:

10 (i) Side openings.

11 (ii) Sealed seams at the front (up to
12 the zipper or other means of closure) and
13 back rise.

14 (iii) Insulation for cold or inclement
15 weather protection.

16 (iv) At least one pocket with a means
17 of closure (zippered or hood and look en-
18 closed pockets, or other type of enclosed
19 pockets).

20 (v) Scuff guards.

21 (vi) Elasticized or draw string weather
22 closure around the waist or ankles.

23 (vii) Articulated knees or reinforce-
24 ment in the seat or knees.

1 (B) SKI PANTS.—For purposes of subpara-
2 graph (A), the term “performance outerwear
3 pants” includes all pants classifiable as parts of
4 ski suits under heading 6112 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

6 (C) WATER-RESISTANT FABRIC.—The
7 term “water-resistant fabric” means fabric,
8 whether knit, woven, or composite, that meets
9 the requirements for water resistance described
10 in Additional U.S. Note 2 to chapter 62 of the
11 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United
12 States, whether or not the finished article is
13 classifiable in the subheadings listed in such
14 Note 2.

15 (D) COATED SYNTHETIC FABRICS.—The
16 term “coated synthetic fabrics” means fabrics
17 classifiable in heading 5602, 5603, 5903, 5906,
18 or 5907 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of
19 the United States, as well as knitted or cro-
20 cheted pile fabrics impregnated, coated, cov-
21 ered, or laminated with plastics, including com-
22 posite fabrics where the coating is consistently
23 visible in the cross section.

24 (E) SEALED SEAMS.—The term “sealed
25 seams” means seams that are sealed by means

1 of taping, gluing, bonding, cementing, or simi-
2 lar processes for the purpose of waterproofing.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) applies to
4 goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consump-
5 tion, on or after the 30th day after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act.

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