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To maintain and expand the steel import licensing and monitoring program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. SARBANES) 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. MAINTENANCE AND EXPANSION OF STEEL IM-**
4 **PORT LICENSING AND MONITORING PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) MAINTENANCE OF PROGRAM.—The steel import
7 licensing and monitoring program established by the Sec-
8 retary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce
9 pursuant to the Memorandum signed by the President on
10 March 5, 2002 (67 Fed. Reg. 10593 through 10597) (pur-

1 suant to the authority of the President under section
2 203(g) of the Trade Act of 1974), shall, notwithstanding
3 any other action taken by the President under section 203
4 of the Trade Act of 1974 concerning the steel products
5 described in the Memorandum, remain in effect and be
6 established by the Secretary of Commerce as a permanent
7 program.

8 (b) EXPANSION OF PROGRAM.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the program
10 in accordance with subsection (a), the Secretary of
11 the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce shall
12 expand the program to include all iron and steel,
13 and all articles of iron or steel, described in para-
14 graph (2). The import and licensing data made
15 available to the public as part of this program shall
16 be released based upon classifications at the tenth
17 digit level of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
18 United States.

19 (2) IRON AND STEEL DESCRIBED.—The iron
20 and steel, and articles of iron or steel, referred to in
21 subparagraph (A) are the iron and steel, and articles
22 of iron or steel, contained in the following headings
23 and subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule
24 of the United States:

1 (A) Each of the headings 7206 through
2 7229 (relating to mill products).

3 (B) Each of the headings 7301 through
4 7307 (relating to rails, structurals, pipe and
5 tubes, and fittings and flanges).

6 (C) Heading 7308 (relating to fabricated
7 structurals).

8 (D) Subheading 7310.10.00 (relating to
9 barrels and drums).

10 (E) Heading 7312 (relating to strand and
11 rope).

12 (F) Heading 7313.00.00 (relating to
13 barbed and fence wire).

14 (G) Headings 7314, 7315, and 7317.00
15 (relating to fabricated wire).

16 (H) Heading 7318 (relating to industrial
17 fasteners).

18 (I) Heading 7326 (relating to fence posts).

19 (c) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the
20 Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce are hereby au-
21 thorized and directed to take such actions as are nec-
22 essary—

23 (1) to maintain the program described in sub-
24 section (a) in accordance with such subsection; and

- 1 (2) to expand, as necessary and appropriate,
- 2 such program in accordance with subsection (b).

