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1ST SESSION

H. R. 252

To amend title 46, United States Code, to prohibit certain contracts for port operations and management, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2025

Mr. CALVERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Secure Our Ports Act
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR PORT**
7 **OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 700 of
9 title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

1 **“§ 70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port op-**
2 **eration and management**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a facil-
4 ity for which an Area Maritime Transportation Security
5 Plan is required under section 70103 of this title may not
6 enter into a contract for the ownership, leasing, or oper-
7 ation of such facility with an entity that is—

8 “(1) a Chinese, Russian, North Korean, or Ira-
9 nian state-owned enterprise; or

10 “(2) a foreign entity for which any percentage
11 is owned by a country listed in paragraph (1).

12 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘Area
13 Maritime Transportation Security Plan’, ‘facility’, and
14 ‘owner or operator’ have the meanings given such terms
15 in section 70101 of this title.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
17 ter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by
18 inserting after the item relating to section 70014 the fol-
19 lowing:

“70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port operation and management.”.

