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H. R. 8021

To exempt certain vessels transporting crude oil and petroleum products from certain coastwise endorsement requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. ROY, and Mr. DAVIDSON) 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 “American Petroleum
5 First Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM COASTWISE LAWS FOR VESSELS**
2 **TRANSPORTING CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM**
3 **PRODUCTS.**

4 (a) GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Sec-
5 tion 12103 of title 46, United States Code, is amended
6 by adding at the end the following:

7 “(d) EXCEPTION FOR VESSELS TRANSPORTING
8 CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
10 (a), a certificate of documentation may be issued
11 under this chapter for any vessel transporting crude
12 oil and petroleum products.

13 “(2) CERTAIN VESSELS EXCLUDED.—Para-
14 graph (1) shall not apply to—

15 “(A) a vessel that is owned, in whole or in
16 part, by—

17 “(i) a Russian national; or

18 “(ii) the Government of the Russian
19 Federation; and

20 “(B) a Russian-flagged vessel;

21 “(C) a vessel for which any crewmember is
22 a Russian national;

23 “(D) a vessel that is owned, in whole or in
24 part, by—

25 “(i) a Chinese national; or

26 “(ii) the People’s Republic of China;

1 “(E) a Chinese-flagged vessel; or

2 “(F) a vessel for which any crewmember is
3 a Chinese national.”.

4 (b) COASTWISE ENDORSEMENT.—Section
5 12112(a)(2)(B) of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in clause (ii) by striking “or” at the end;

8 (2) in clause (iii) by striking “and” at the end
9 and inserting “or”; and

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

11 “(iv) transports crude oil and petroleum
12 products; and”.

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