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H. R. 529

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2023

Mr. WALTZ (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. MAST) 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 “Extending Limits of
5 U.S. Customs Waters Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF CUSTOMS WATERS.**

7 (a) TARIFF ACT OF 1930.—Section 401(j) of the
8 Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1401(j)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “means, in the case” and insert-
2 ing the following: “means—

3 “(1) in the case”;

4 (2) by striking “of the coast of the United
5 States” the first place it appears and inserting
6 “from the baselines of the United States (deter-
7 mined in accordance with international law)”;

8 (3) by striking “and, in the case” and inserting
9 the following: “; and

10 “(2) in the case”; and

11 (4) by striking “the waters within four leagues
12 of the coast of the United States.” and inserting the
13 following: “the waters within—

14 “(A) the territorial sea of the United
15 States, to the limits permitted by international
16 law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
17 tion 5928 of December 27, 1988; and

18 “(B) the contiguous zone of the United
19 States, to the limits permitted by international
20 law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
21 tion 7219 of September 2, 1999.”.

22 (b) ANTI-SMUGGLING ACT.—Section 401(c) of the
23 Anti-Smuggling Act (19 U.S.C. 1709(c)) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “means, in the case” and insert-
25 ing the following: “means—

1 “(1) in the case”;

2 (2) by striking “of the coast of the United
3 States” the first place it appears and inserting
4 “from the baselines of the United States (deter-
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10 of the coast of the United States.” and inserting the
11 following: “the waters within—

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13 States, to the limits permitted by international
14 law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
15 tion 5928 of December 27, 1988; and

16 “(B) the contiguous zone of the United
17 States, to the limits permitted by international
18 law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
19 tion 7219 of September 2, 1999.”.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall take effect on the day after the date of
22 the enactment of this Act.

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