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H. R. 2661

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to waive the requirement to report the arrival at any port or place within the United States of a vessel of Canada if the vessel does not anchor or dock at any harbor within the customs territory of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2011

Mr. OWENS 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT TO REPORT AR-**
2 **RIVAL OF VESSELS OF CANADA THAT DO NOT**
3 **ANCHOR OR DOCK AT ANY HARBOR WITHIN**
4 **THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF THE UNITED**
5 **STATES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 433(a) of the Tariff Act
7 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1433(a)) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
9 graph (3); and

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(2)(A) The requirement to report under paragraph
13 (1) shall not apply with respect to the arrival at any port
14 or place within the United States of a vessel of Canada
15 if the vessel does not anchor or dock at any harbor within
16 the customs territory of the United States.

17 “(B) In this paragraph—

18 “(i) the term ‘customs territory of the United
19 States’ has the meaning given the term in General
20 Note 2 to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
21 United States; and

22 “(ii) the term ‘vessel of Canada’ means any ves-
23 sel documented under the laws of the Canada.”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 subsection (a) take effect on the date of the enactment
26 of this Act and apply with respect to arrival at any port

1 or place within the United States of vessels of Canada de-
2 scribed in paragraph (2) of section 433(a) of the Tariff
3 Act of 1930 (as added by subsection (a)) on or after the
4 date on which the Secretary of State and the Secretary
5 of Homeland Security certify to Congress that the Govern-
6 ment of Canada has enacted a law that provides equivalent
7 treatment to vessels of the United States arriving at any
8 port or place within Canada.

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