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# H. R. 3488

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

Mr. BUCSHON (for himself and Mr. LANDRY) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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 “Invest in America First  
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO COUN-**  
7 **TRIES WITH A GDP OF \$1,500,000,000,000 OR**  
8 **MORE.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
2           graph (2), assistance may not provided under any  
3           provision of law to a country with a GDP of  
4           \$1,500,000,000,000 or more.

5           (2) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition on assistance  
6           under paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to  
7           military assistance, security assistance, or humani-  
8           tarian assistance.

9           (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

10           (1) the term “GDP” means, with respect to a  
11           country, the gross domestic product of the country  
12           on a purchasing power parity (PPP) basis divided by  
13           the population of the country, as determined by the  
14           most recent publication of the Central Intelligence  
15           Agency’s The World Factbook; and

16           (2) the term “humanitarian assistance”—

17           (A) means assistance, provided on such  
18           terms and conditions as the President may de-  
19           termine, for the relief and rehabilitation of vic-  
20           tims of natural and manmade disasters, includ-  
21           ing food, water, medicine, clothing, and shelter;  
22           and

1                   (B) does not include direct financial assist-  
2                   ance for the purposes described in subpara-  
3                   graph (A).

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