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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota 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 “Beef Origin Labeling
5 Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT OF MANDATORY COUNTRY OF OR-**
2 **IGIN LABELING FOR BEEF.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Trade Rep-
4 resentative, in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-
5 culture, shall determine a means of reinstating mandatory
6 country of origin labeling for beef that is in compliance
7 with all applicable rules of the World Trade Organization.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days there-
10 after as appropriate, the United States Trade Representa-
11 tive shall submit to the appropriate congressional commit-
12 tees a report that includes—

13 (1) a description of progress in meeting the re-
14 quirements of subsection (a); and

15 (2) recommendations for legislation to imple-
16 ment the requirements of subsection (a), including
17 the means of reinstating mandatory country of ori-
18 gin labeling for beef, if necessary, as well as engage-
19 ments with the Trade Representative’s counterparts
20 in other governments on this matter.

21 (c) CONSULTATIONS TO RESOLVE WTO DISPUTE
22 SETTLEMENTS.—The United States Trade Representative
23 shall seek to enter into consultations with—

24 (1) the Trade Representative’s counterpart in
25 the Government of Canada to resolve the matters in-
26 volved in the World Trade Organization’s dispute

1 settlement identified as “DS384” and titled “United
2 States—Certain Country of Origin Labeling Require-
3 ments”; and

4 (2) the Trade Representative’s counterpart in
5 the Government of Mexico to resolve the matters in-
6 volved in the World Trade Organization’s dispute
7 settlement identified as “DS386” and titled “United
8 States—Certain Country of Origin Labeling Require-
9 ments”.

10 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

11 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Agriculture and the Com-
14 mittee on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
17 and Forestry and the Committee on Finance of the
18 Senate.

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