

**SUBSTITUTE FOR THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 8683
OFFERED BY MR. HUIZENGA OF MICHIGAN**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strategic Ports Re-
3 porting Act”.

4 SEC. 2. MAPPING AND STRATEGY REQUIRED.

5 (a) MAPPING OF GLOBAL PORTS.—The Secretary of
6 State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense,
7 shall—

8 (1) develop an updated, global mapping of for-
9 eign and domestic ports identified to be of impor-
10 tance to the United States, because of a capability
11 to provide military, diplomatic, economic, or resource
12 exploration superiority; and

13 (2) identify any efforts by the Government of
14 the People’s Republic of China (PRC) or other PRC
15 entities to build, buy, or otherwise control, directly
16 or indirectly, such ports.

17 (b) SUBMISSION OF MAP.—The Secretary of State,
18 in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit

1 the mapping developed pursuant to subsection (a) to the
2 appropriate congressional committees. Such submission
3 shall be in unclassified form, but may include a classified
4 annex.

5 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
6 **FENSE STUDY AND REPORT ON STRATEGIC**
7 **PORTS.**

8 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of State, in
9 coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall conduct
10 a study of—

11 (1) strategic ports;

12 (2) the reasons such ports are of interest to the
13 United States;

14 (3) the activities and plans of the Government
15 of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) to expand
16 its control over strategic ports outside of the Peo-
17 ple’s Republic of China;

18 (4) the public and private actors, such as China
19 Ocean Shipping Company, that are executing and
20 supporting the activities and plans of the Govern-
21 ment of the PRC to expand its control over strategic
22 ports outside of the PRC;

23 (5) the activities and plans of the Government
24 of the PRC to expand its control over maritime lo-

1 gistics by promoting products, such as LOGINK,
2 and setting industry standards outside the PRC;

3 (6) how the control by the Government of the
4 PRC over strategic ports outside of the PRC could
5 harm the national security or economic interests of
6 the United States and allies and partners of the
7 United States; and

8 (7) measures the United States Government
9 could take to ensure open access and security for
10 strategic ports and offer alternatives to PRC invest-
11 ments or stakes in strategic ports.

12 (b) CONDUCT OF STUDY.—The Secretary of State
13 and the Secretary of Defense may enter into an arrange-
14 ment with a federally funded research and development
15 center under which the center shall conduct the study re-
16 quired under subsection (a).

17 (c) REPORT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of
21 Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congress-
22 sional committees a report on the findings of the
23 study conducted under subsection (a).

24 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
25 graph (1) shall include—

1 (A) a detailed list of all known strategic
2 ports operated, controlled, or owned, directly or
3 indirectly, by the PRC or by a foreign person
4 of the PRC, and an assessment of the national
5 security and economic interests relevant to each
6 such port;

7 (B) a detailed list of all known strategic
8 ports operated, controlled, or owned, directly or
9 indirectly, by the United States or United
10 States persons and an assessment of the na-
11 tional security and economic interests relevant
12 to each such port;

13 (C) an assessment of vulnerabilities of—
14 (i) ports operated, controlled, or
15 owned, directly or indirectly, by the United
16 States; and
17 (ii) strategic ports;

18 (D) an analysis of the activities and ac-
19 tions of the Government of the PRC to gain
20 control or ownership over strategic ports, in-
21 cluding promoting products, such as LOGINK,
22 and setting industry standards;

23 (E) an assessment of how the Government
24 of the PRC plans to expand its control over
25 strategic ports outside of the PRC;

1 (F) a suggested strategy, developed in con-
2 sultation with the heads of the relevant United
3 States Government offices, that suggests
4 courses of action to secure trusted investment
5 and ownership of strategic ports and maritime
6 infrastructure, protect such ports and infra-
7 structure from PRC control, and ensure open
8 access and security for such ports, that in-
9 cludes—

10 (i) a list of relevant existing authori-
11 ties that can be used to carry out the
12 strategy;

13 (ii) a list of any additional authorities
14 necessary to carry out the strategy;

15 (iii) an assessment of products owned
16 by the Government of the PRC or by an
17 entity headquartered in the PRC that are
18 used in connection with strategic ports or
19 maritime infrastructure;

20 (iv) an assessment of the costs to—

21 (I) secure such trusted invest-
22 ment and ownership;

23 (II) replace products owned by
24 the Government of the PRC or an en-
25 tity headquartered in the PRC that

1 are used in connection with such
2 ports; and

3 (III) enhance transparency
4 around the negative impacts of PRC
5 control over strategic ports; and

6 (v) a list of funding sources to secure
7 trusted investment and ownership of stra-
8 tegic ports, which shall include—

9 (I) an identification of private
10 funding sources; and

11 (II) an identification of public
12 funding sources, including loans, loan
13 guarantees, and tax incentives; and

14 (G) a suggested strategy for Federal agen-
15 cies to maintain an up-to-date list of strategic
16 ports.

17 (H) an assessment of any national security
18 threat posed by such investments or activities to
19 United States diplomatic and defense personnel
20 and facilities in the vicinity of such ports, in-
21 cluding through cyber threats, electronically en-
22 abled espionage, or other means.

23 (3) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by
24 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
25 form, but may include a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
4 mittees” means—

5 (A) the Committee on Transportation and
6 Infrastructure, the Committee on Energy and
7 Commerce, the Committee on Armed Services,
8 the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Per-
9 manent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
10 House of Representatives; and

11 (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
12 and Transportation, the Committee on Armed
13 Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations,
14 and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
15 Senate.

16 (2) The term “relevant United States Govern-
17 ment offices” means—

18 (A) the Unified Combatant Commands;

19 (B) the Office of the Secretary of Defense;

20 (C) the Office of the Secretary of State;

21 (D) the United States International Devel-
22 opment Finance Corporation;

23 (E) the Export-Import Bank of the United
24 States;

25 (F) the Office of the Director of National
26 Intelligence; and

1 (G) the Maritime Administration of the
2 Department of Transportation.

3 (3) The term “strategic port” means an inter-
4 national port or waterway that the heads of the rel-
5 evant United States Government offices determine is
6 critical to the national security or economic pros-
7 perity of the United States.

