

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 3774, With an
Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a
complete new text)**

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H. R. 3774

To impose additional sanctions with respect to the importation or facilitation
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 2023

Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition
to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently deter-
mined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions
as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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tion or facilitation of the importation of petroleum prod-
ucts from Iran, and for other purposes.

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 “Stop Harboring Ira-
5 nian Petroleum Act” or the “SHIP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

2 It is the policy of the United States—

3 (1) to deny Iran the ability, by limiting Iran’s
4 export of petroleum and petroleum products, to—

5 (A) engage in destabilizing activities;

6 (B) support international terrorism; or

7 (C) fund the development and acquisition
8 of weapons of mass destruction and weapons
9 delivery systems;

10 (2) to deny Iran funds to oppress and commit
11 human rights violations against the Iranian people
12 assembling to peacefully redress the Iranian regime;

13 (3) to fully enforce sanctions against those enti-
14 ties which provide support to the Iranian energy sec-
15 tor; and

16 (4) to counter Iran’s actions to finance and fa-
17 cilitate the participation of foreign terrorist organi-
18 zations in ongoing conflicts and illicit activities due
19 to the threat such actions pose to the vital national
20 interests of the United States.

21 **SEC. 3. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRA-**
22 **NIAN PETROLEUM.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that is 90
24 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and ex-
25 cept as provided in subsection (e)(2), the President shall
26 impose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with re-

1 spect to each foreign person that the President deter-
2 mines, on or after such date of enactment, engages in an
3 activity described in subsection (b).

4 (b) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—A foreign person en-
5 gages in an activity described in this subsection if the for-
6 eign person—

7 (1) owns or operates a foreign port and has
8 knowingly facilitated or accommodated at least 1
9 designated vessel in landing at such port on or after
10 the date of enactment of this Act for the purpose of
11 transporting Iranian crude oil;

12 (2) knowingly transports, offloads, or otherwise
13 engages in transactions involving petroleum or petro-
14 leum products, including petrochemicals, originating
15 from Iran;

16 (3) knowingly owns or operates a vessel used to
17 conduct ship-to-ship transfers of petroleum or petro-
18 leum products, including petrochemicals, originating
19 from Iran;

20 (4) owns or operates a refinery that knowingly
21 processes, refines, or otherwise engages in trans-
22 actions involving petroleum or petroleum products,
23 including petrochemicals, originating from Iran;

24 (5) is an adult family member of a foreign per-
25 son described in any of paragraphs (1) through (4),

1 unless the President determines there is clear and
2 convincing evidence that such adult family member
3 has disassociated themselves from the foreign person
4 described in such paragraph and has not assisted
5 such foreign person in concealing assets; or

6 (6) is owned, as such term is defined by section
7 510.411 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, by
8 a foreign person described in any of paragraphs (1)
9 through (5) that has been designated for such con-
10 duct.

11 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
12 scribed in this subsection with respect to a foreign person
13 described in subsection (a) are the following:

14 (1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The President
15 shall exercise all of the powers granted to the Presi-
16 dent under the International Emergency Economic
17 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent
18 necessary to block and prohibit all transactions in
19 property and interests in property of the foreign per-
20 son if such property and interests in property are in
21 the United States, come within the United States, or
22 are or come within the possession or control of a
23 United States person.

24 (2) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR
25 PAROLE.—

1 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An
2 alien described in subsection (a) is—

3 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

4 (ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other
5 documentation to enter the United States;

6 and

7 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
8 or paroled into the United States or to re-
9 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
10 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
11 seq.).

12 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—An alien described
14 in subsection (a) is subject to revocation of
15 any visa or other entry documentation re-
16 gardless of when the visa or other entry
17 documentation is or was issued.

18 (ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revoca-
19 tion under clause (i) shall take effect im-
20 mediately and automatically cancel any
21 other valid visa or entry documentation
22 that is in the alien's possession.

23 (C) EXCEPTIONS.—Sanctions under this
24 paragraph shall not apply with respect to an

1 alien if admitting or paroling the alien into the
2 United States is necessary—

3 (i) to permit the United States to
4 comply with the Agreement regarding the
5 Headquarters of the United Nations,
6 signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947,
7 and entered into force November 21, 1947,
8 between the United Nations and the
9 United States, or other applicable inter-
10 national obligations; or

11 (ii) to carry out or assist law enforce-
12 ment activity in the United States.

13 (3) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in
14 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
15 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
16 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that violates,
17 attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
18 violation of this section or any regulations promul-
19 gated to carry out this section to the same extent
20 that such penalties apply to a person that commits
21 an unlawful act described in section 206(a) of that
22 Act.

23 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of de-
24 terminations under subsection (a) that a foreign person
25 engaged in activities described in subsection (b), a foreign

1 person shall not be determined to know that petroleum
2 or petroleum products originated from Iran if such person
3 relied on a certificate of origin or other documentation
4 confirming that the origin of the petroleum or petroleum
5 products was a country other than Iran, unless such per-
6 son knew or had reason to know that such documentation
7 was falsified.

8 (e) IMPLEMENTATION; REGULATIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may exercise
10 all authorities under sections 203 and 205 of the
11 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
12 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) for purposes of carrying out
13 this section.

14 (2) DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS.—Not later
15 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
16 this Act, the President shall prescribe such regula-
17 tions as may be necessary for the implementation of
18 this Act.

19 (3) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later
20 than 10 days before the prescription of regulations
21 under paragraph (2), the President shall brief and
22 provide written notification to the appropriate con-
23 gressional committees regarding—

24 (A) the proposed regulations; and

1 (B) the specific provisions of this Act that
2 the regulations are implementing.

3 (f) WAIVER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, on a
5 case-by-case basis and for periods not to exceed 180
6 days each, waive the application of sanctions im-
7 posed with respect to a foreign person under this
8 section if the President certifies to the appropriate
9 congressional committees, not later than 15 days be-
10 fore such waiver is to take effect, that the waiver is
11 vital to the national interests of the United States.

12 (2) SPECIAL RULE.—The President shall not be
13 required to impose sanctions under this section with
14 respect to a foreign person described in subsection
15 (a) if the President certifies in writing to the appro-
16 priate congressional committees that the foreign per-
17 son—

18 (A) is no longer engaging in activities de-
19 scribed in subsection (b); or

20 (B) has taken and is continuing to take
21 significant, verifiable steps toward permanently
22 terminating such activities.

23 (f) TERMINATION.—The authorities provided by this
24 section shall cease to have effect on and after the date

1 that is 30 days after the date on which the President cer-
2 tifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

3 (1) the Government of Iran no longer repeat-
4 edly provides support for international terrorism as
5 determined by the Secretary of State pursuant to—

6 (A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export
7 Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
8 4318(c)(1)(A));

9 (B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance
10 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

11 (C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control
12 Act (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

13 (D) any other provision of law; and

14 (2) Iran has ceased the pursuit, acquisition,
15 and development of, and verifiably dismantled, its
16 nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, ballistic
17 missiles, and ballistic missile launch technology.

18 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON IRANIAN PETROLEUM AND PETRO-**
19 **LEUM PRODUCTS EXPORTS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
21 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
22 until the date described in subsection (d), the Adminis-
23 trator of the Energy Information Administration shall
24 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-

1 port describing Iran's growing exports of petroleum and
2 petroleum products, that includes the following:

3 (1) An analysis of Iran's exports and sale of pe-
4 troleum and petroleum products, including—

5 (A) an estimate of Iran's petroleum export
6 and sale revenue per year since 2018;

7 (B) an estimate of Iran's petroleum export
8 and sale revenue to China per year since 2018;

9 (C) the amount of petroleum and crude oil
10 barrels exported per year since 2018;

11 (D) the amount of petroleum and crude oil
12 barrels exported to China per year since 2018;

13 (E) the amount of petroleum and crude oil
14 barrels exported to countries other than China
15 per year since 2018;

16 (F) the average price per petroleum and
17 crude oil barrel exported per year since 2018;
18 and

19 (G) the average price per petroleum and
20 crude oil barrel exported to China per year
21 since 2018.

22 (2) An analysis of Iran's labeling practices of
23 exported petroleum and petroleum products.

1 (3) A description of companies involved in the
2 exporting and sale of Iranian petroleum and petro-
3 leum products.

4 (4) A description of ships involved in the ex-
5 porting and sale of Iranian petroleum and petroleum
6 products.

7 (5) A description of ports involved in the ex-
8 porting and sale of Iranian petroleum and petroleum
9 products.

10 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
11 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include
12 a classified annex.

13 (c) PUBLICATION.—The unclassified portion of the
14 report required by subsection (a) shall be posted on a pub-
15 licly available website of the Energy Information Adminis-
16 tration.

17 (d) TERMINATION.—The requirement to submit re-
18 ports under this section shall be terminated on the date
19 on which the President makes the certification described
20 in section 3(f).

21 **SEC. 5. EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF**
22 **GOODS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and requirements
24 to impose sanctions authorized under this Act shall not

1 include the authority or requirement to impose sanctions
2 on the importation of goods.

3 (b) GOOD DEFINED.—In this section, the term
4 “good” means any article, natural or man-made sub-
5 stance, material, supply or manufactured product, includ-
6 ing inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical
7 data.

8 **SEC. 6. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
9 **FINED.**

10 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
13 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on
14 Financial Services of the House of Representatives;
15 and

16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
17 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on
18 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.