

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 252  
OFFERED BY MR. EZELL OF MISSISSIPPI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Secure Our Ports Act  
3 of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR PORT  
5                   OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 700 of  
7 title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
8 end the following:

9 **“§ 70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port op-  
10                   eration and management**

11       “(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a facil-  
12 ity for which a facility security plan is required under sec-  
13 tion 70103(c) of this title may not enter into a contract  
14 for the ownership, leasing, or operation of such facility  
15 with an entity that is—

16               “(1) a Chinese, Russian, North Korean, or Ira-  
17               nian state-owned enterprise; or

1           “(2) a foreign entity for which any percentage  
2           is owned by a country listed in paragraph (1).

3           “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘facil-  
4           ity’, and ‘owner or operator’ have the meanings given such  
5           terms in section 70101 of this title.”.

6           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
7           ter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by  
8           inserting after the item relating to section 70014 the fol-  
9           lowing:

“70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port operation and management.”.

