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To require a study of the well-being of the newsprint and publishing industry in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. NOEM (for herself, Mr. CRIST, Mr. FLORES, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. SMITH of Missouri) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined 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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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 “Protecting Rational
5 Incentives in Newsprint Trade Act of 2018” or the
6 “PRINT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF NEWSPRINT INDUSTRY WELL-BEING.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Commerce shall con-
3 duct a study of the economic well-being, health, and vital-
4 ity of the newsprint industry and the local newspaper pub-
5 lishing industry in the United States, which shall include
6 an assessment of the following:

7 (1) The trends in demand for newsprint and
8 traditional printed newspapers.

9 (2) The trends in demand for digital or online
10 consumption of news.

11 (3) The costs of inputs in the production of tra-
12 ditional printed newspapers, including the use of
13 newsprint.

14 (4) The effect of declining readership of tradi-
15 tional printed newspapers on the continued viability
16 of the newsprint and newspaper publishing indus-
17 tries and the continued availability of coverage of
18 local news, local sports, local government, and local
19 disaster prevention and awareness.

20 (5) The trends in the pulp and paper industry
21 of the United States and the effect of declining de-
22 mand for newsprint on the health of the pulp and
23 paper industry.

24 (6) Measures undertaken by printers and news-
25 paper publishers to reduce costs in response to in-
26 creased costs for newsprint in the United States,

1 and whether such measures have harmed local news
2 coverage or reduced employment in the newspaper
3 and publishing industries.

4 (7) Whether measures undertaken by publishers
5 and printers to reduce costs have harmed local busi-
6 nesses that advertise in local newspapers.

7 (8) The global production capacity for news-
8 print in light of the declining demand for newsprint.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce
11 shall submit to the President and Congress a report on—

12 (1) the findings of the study required by sub-
13 section (a); and

14 (2) any recommendations that the Secretary
15 considers appropriate.

16 (c) STAY OF DETERMINATIONS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)
18 and notwithstanding any provision of title VII of the
19 Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.), the
20 Secretary of Commerce and the United States Inter-
21 national Trade Commission may not give effect to
22 an affirmative determination in an antidumping or
23 countervailing duty investigation relating to imports
24 of uncoated groundwood paper conducted under that
25 title until the President certifies to the Secretary

1 and the Chairman of the Commission that the Presi-
2 dent—

3 (A) has received the report required by
4 subsection (b); and

5 (B) has concluded that giving effect to the
6 determination is in the economic interest of the
7 United States.

8 (2) RATES.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Until such time as the
10 President issues the certification described in
11 paragraph (1), the administering authority (as
12 defined in section 771(1) of the Tariff Act of
13 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1677(1))) shall order a rate of
14 zero for deposits posted pursuant to sections
15 703(d), 705(c)(1), 733(d), and 735(c)(1) of
16 that Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(d), 1671d(c)(1),
17 1673b(d), and 1673d(c)(1)) in an investigation
18 described in paragraph (1).

19 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This paragraph
20 shall take effect on the date of the enactment
21 of this Act without regard to any later effective
22 date of an order required by subparagraph (A).

23 (3) CANADA AND MEXICO.—Pursuant to article
24 1902 of the North American Free Trade Agreement
25 and section 408 of the North America Free Trade

1 Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3438),
2 this subsection applies to goods from Canada and
3 Mexico.

4 (4) APPLICATION.—This subsection applies only
5 to an antidumping or countervailing duty investiga-
6 tion that is ongoing as of the date of the enactment
7 of this Act.

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