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# H. R. 7738

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban  
Affairs

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## AN ACT

With respect to the powers of the President in time of war or  
national emergency.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADING

4 WITH THE ENEMY ACT

5 REMOVAL OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY POWERS UNDER THE

6 TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT

7 SEC. 101. (a) Section 5 (b) (1) of the Trading With  
8 the Enemy Act is amended by striking out “or during any  
9 other period of national emergency declared by the Presi-  
10 dent” in the text preceding subparagraph (A).

11 (b) Notwithstanding the amendment made by subsec-

1 tion (a), the authorities conferred upon the President by  
2 section 5 (b) of the Trading With the Enemy Act, which  
3 were being exercised with respect to a country on July 1,  
4 1977, as a result of a national emergency declared by the  
5 President before such date, may continue to be exercised  
6 with respect to such country, except that, unless extended,  
7 the exercise of such authorities shall terminate (subject to  
8 the savings provisions of the second sentence of section 101  
9 (a) of the National Emergencies Act) at the end of the two-  
10 year period beginning on the date of enactment of the Na-  
11 tional Emergencies Act. The President may extend the exer-  
12 cise of such authorities for one-year periods upon a determi-  
13 nation for each such extension that the exercise of such  
14 authorities with respect to such country for another year  
15 is in the national interest of the United States.

16 (c) Paragraph (1) of section 502 (a) of the National  
17 Emergencies Act is repealed.

#### 18 WARTIME AUTHORITIES

19 SEC. 102. Section 5 (b) (1) of the Trading With the  
20 Enemy Act is amended—

21 (1) in the text preceding subparagraph (A), by  
22 striking out “or otherwise,” the first time it appears;  
23 and

24 (2) by striking out “; and the President may, in  
25 the manner hereinabove provided, take other or further

1 measures not inconsistent herewith for the enforcement  
2 of this subdivision”.

3 CRIMINAL PENALTIES

4 SEC. 103. (a) Section 16 of the Trading With the  
5 Enemy Act is amended by striking out “\$10,000” and in-  
6 serting in lieu thereof “\$50,000”.

7 (b) Section 5 (d) (3) of such Act is amended by strik-  
8 ing out the second sentence.

9 TITLE II—INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY

10 ECONOMIC POWERS

11 SHORT TITLE

12 SEC. 201. This title may be cited as the “International  
13 Emergency Economic Powers Act”.

14 SITUATIONS IN WHICH AUTHORITIES MAY BE EXERCISED

15 SEC. 202. (a) Any authority granted to the President  
16 by section 203 may be exercised to deal with any unusual  
17 and extraordinary threat, which has its source in whole or  
18 substantial part outside the United States, to the national  
19 security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States,  
20 if the President declares a national emergency with respect  
21 to such threat.

22 (b) The authorities granted to the President by section  
23 203 may only be exercised to deal with an unusual and ex-  
24 traordinary threat with respect to which a national emergency  
25 has been declared for purposes of this title and may not be

1 exercised for any other purpose. Any exercise of such authori-  
2 ties to deal with any new threat shall be based on a new  
3 declaration of national emergency which must be with respect  
4 to such threat.

5 GRANT OF AUTHORITIES

6 SEC. 203. (a) (1) At the times and to the extent speci-  
7 fied in section 202, the President may, under such regulations  
8 as he may prescribe, by means of instructions, licenses, or  
9 otherwise—

10 (A) investigate, regulate, or prohibit—

11 (i) any transactions in foreign exchange,

12 (ii) transfers of credit or payments between,  
13 by, through, or to any banking institution, to the  
14 extent that such transfers or payments involve any  
15 interest of any foreign country or a national thereof,

16 (iii) the importing or exporting of currency  
17 or securities; and

18 (B) investigate, regulate, direct and compel, nul-  
19 lify, void, prevent or prohibit, any acquisition, holding,  
20 withholding, use, transfer, withdrawal, transportation,  
21 importation or exportation of, or dealing in, or exercis-  
22 ing any right, power, or privilege with respect to, or  
23 transactions involving, any property in which any for-  
24 eign country or a national thereof has any interest;

1 by any person, or with respect to any property, subject to  
2 the jurisdiction of the United States.

3 (2) In exercising the authorities granted by paragraph  
4 (1), the President may require any person to keep a full  
5 record of, and to furnish under oath, in the form of reports or  
6 otherwise, complete information relative to any act or trans-  
7 action referred to in paragraph (1) either before, during,  
8 or after the completion thereof, or relative to any interest  
9 in foreign property, or relative to any property in which any  
10 foreign country or any national thereof has or has had any  
11 interest, or as may be otherwise necessary to enforce the  
12 provisions of such paragraph. In any case in which a report  
13 by a person could be required under this paragraph, the  
14 President may require the production of any books of account,  
15 records, contracts, letters, memoranda, or other papers, in  
16 the custody or control of such person.

17 (3) Compliance with any regulation, instruction, or  
18 direction issued under this title shall to the extent thereof  
19 be a full acquittance and discharge for all purposes of the  
20 obligation of the person making the same. No person shall  
21 be held liable in any court for or with respect to anything  
22 done or omitted in good faith in connection with the ad-  
23 ministration of, or pursuant to and in reliance on, this title,

1 or any regulation, instruction, or direction issued under this  
2 title.

3 (b) The authority granted to the President by this  
4 section does not include the authority to regulate or prohibit,  
5 directly or indirectly—

6 (1) any postal, telegraphic, telephonic, or other  
7 personal communication, which does not involve a trans-  
8 fer of anything of value; or

9 (2) uncompensated transfers of anything of value  
10 except to the extent that the President determines that  
11 such transfers (A) would seriously impair his ability  
12 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat which  
13 is the basis for the exercise of authorities under this title,  
14 (B) are in response to coercion against the proposed  
15 recipient or donor, or (C) would endanger Armed  
16 Forces of the United States which are engaged in hos-  
17 tilities or are in a situation where imminent involve-  
18 ment in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circum-  
19 stances.

20 CONSULTATION AND REPORTS

21 SEC. 204. (a) The President, in every possible instance,  
22 shall consult with the Congress before exercising any of the  
23 authorities granted by this title and shall consult regularly  
24 with the Congress so long as such authorities are exercised.

1       (b) Whenever the President exercises any of the au-  
2       thorities granted by this title, he shall immediately transmit  
3       to the Congress a report specifying—

4           (1) the circumstances which necessitate such ex-  
5       ercise of authority;

6           (2) why the President believes those circumstances  
7       constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat, which  
8       has its source in whole or substantial part outside the  
9       United States, to the national security, foreign policy,  
10      or economy of the United States;

11          (3) the authorities to be exercised and the actions  
12      to be taken in the exercise of those authorities to deal  
13      with those circumstances;

14          (4) why the President believes such actions are  
15      necessary to deal with those circumstances; and

16          (5) any foreign countries with respect to which  
17      such actions are to be taken and why such actions are  
18      to be taken with respect to those countries.

19      (c) At least once during each succeeding six-month  
20      period after transmitting a report pursuant to subsection (b)  
21      with respect to an exercise of authorities under this title, the  
22      President shall report to the Congress with respect to the  
23      actions taken, since the last such report, in the exercise of  
24      such authorities, and with respect to any changes which

1 have occurred concerning any information previously fur-  
2 nished pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (5) of sub-  
3 section (b).

4 (d) The requirements of this section are supplemental  
5 to those contained in title IV of the National Emergencies  
6 Act.

#### 7 AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULATIONS

8 SEC. 205. The President may issue such regulations,  
9 including regulations prescribing definitions, as may be  
10 necessary for the exercise of the authorities granted by this  
11 title.

#### 12 CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS

13 SEC. 206. (a) Any regulation issued under this title  
14 (including any modification of a previously issued regula-  
15 tion) shall be reported to the Congress not later than the  
16 date on which it becomes effective.

17 (b) (1) If, within the period described in paragraph  
18 (2), the Congress adopts a concurrent resolution disapprov-  
19 ing, in whole or in part, a regulation reported pursuant to  
20 subsection (a), then such regulation shall immediately cease  
21 to be effective to the extent it is disapproved.

22 (2) The period referred to in paragraph (1) is the  
23 thirty-day period (excluding any day on which either House  
24 of Congress is not in session) beginning on the date on

1 which the regulation is reported to the Congress pursuant to  
2 subsection (a).

3 (c) Disapproval of a regulation by the Congress under  
4 subsection (b) shall not affect the validity of such regulation  
5 (or any action taken under such regulation) during the  
6 period it was in effect.

#### 7 PENALTIES

8 SEC. 207. (a) A civil penalty of not to exceed \$10,000  
9 may be imposed on any person who violates any license,  
10 order, or regulation issued under this title.

11 (b) Whoever willfully violates any license, order, or  
12 regulation issued under this title shall, upon conviction, be  
13 fined not more than \$50,000, or, if a natural person, may  
14 be imprisoned for not more than ten years, or both; and any  
15 officer, director, or agent of any corporation who knowingly  
16 participates in such violation may be punished by a like  
17 fine, imprisonment, or both.

#### 18 SAVINGS PROVISION

19 SEC. 208. (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection  
20 (b), notwithstanding the termination pursuant to the Na-  
21 tional Emergencies Act of a national emergency declared  
22 for purposes of this title, any authorities granted by this  
23 title, which are exercised on the date of such termination on  
24 the basis of such national emergency to prohibit transactions

1 involving property in which a foreign country or national  
2 thereof has any interest, may continue to be so exercised to  
3 prohibit transactions involving that property if the President  
4 determines that the continuation of such prohibition with  
5 respect to that property is necessary on account of claims  
6 involving such country or its nationals.

7       (2) Notwithstanding the termination of the authorities  
8 described in section 101 (b) of this Act, any such authorities,  
9 which are exercised with respect to a country on the date of  
10 such termination to prohibit transactions involving any prop-  
11 erty in which such country or any national thereof has any  
12 interest, may continue to be exercised to prohibit transactions  
13 involving that property if the President determines that the  
14 continuation of such prohibition with respect to that property  
15 is necessary on account of claims involving such country  
16 or its nationals.

17       (b) The authorities described in subsection (a) (1)  
18 may not continue to be exercised under this section if the  
19 national emergency is terminated by the Congress by con-  
20 current resolution pursuant to section 202 of the National  
21 Emergencies Act and if the Congress specifies in such  
22 concurrent resolution that such authorities may not continue  
23 to be exercised under this section.

24       (c) (1) The provisions of this section are supplemental  
25 to the savings provisions of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)

1 of section 101 (a) and of paragraphs (A), (B), and (C) of  
2 section 202 (a) of the National Emergencies Act.

3 (2) The provisions of this section supersede the ter-  
4 mination provisions of section 101 (a) and of title II of the  
5 National Emergencies Act to the extent that the provisions  
6 of this section are inconsistent with these provisions.

7 (d) If the President uses the authority of this section to  
8 continue prohibitions on transactions involving foreign prop-  
9 erty interests, he shall report to the Congress every six  
10 months on the use of such authority.

11 TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPORT  
12 ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1969

13 AUTHORITY TO REGULATE EXTRATERRITORIAL EXPORTS

14 SEC. 301. (a) The first sentence of section 4 (b) (1) of  
15 the Export Administration Act of 1969 is amended to read  
16 as follows: "To effectuate the policies set forth in section 3  
17 of this Act, the President may prohibit or curtail the ex-  
18 portation, except under such rules and regulations as he  
19 shall prescribe, of any articles, materials, or supplies, includ-  
20 ing technical data or any other information, subject to the  
21 jurisdiction of the United States or exported by any person  
22 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States."

23 (b) (1) Section 4 (b) (2) (B) of such Act is  
24 amended—

1           (A) in the first sentence, by striking out "from the  
2           United States, its territories and possessions,"; and

3           (B) in the second sentence—

4           (i) by striking out "from the United States";

5           and

6           (ii) by striking out "produced in the United  
7           States" and inserting in lieu thereof "which would  
8           be subject to such controls".

9           (2) Section 6 (c) (2) (A) of such Act is amended by  
10          striking out "from the United States, its territories or pos-  
11          sessions,".

          Passed the House of Representatives July 12, 1977.

Attest:           EDMUND L. HENSHAW, JR.,

*Clerk.*

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## AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENSON to H.R. 7738, an  
Act with respect to the powers of the President in time of  
war or national emergency, viz:

- 1 Strike section 206 on pages 8 and 9 in its entirety and
- 2 renumber section 207 and section 208 as section 206 and
- 3 section 207, respectively.

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