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H. R. 147

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, and Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Teddy Roosevelt Fair
5 Competition and Public Trust Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 The Congress finds that the business of providing for
8 profit public baseball games between teams of professional

1 baseball players in a league and between such teams of
2 rival leagues is in, or affects, interstate commerce.

3 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION OF ANTITRUST LAWS TO PROFES-**
4 **SIONAL BASEBALL.**

5 The antitrust laws shall apply to the business of pro-
6 viding for profit public baseball games between teams of
7 professional baseball players and to leagues composed of
8 teams of professional baseball players.

9 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

10 For purposes of this Act, the term “antitrust laws”
11 has the meaning given it in subsection (a) of the first sec-
12 tion of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12(a)), except that
13 such term includes section 5 of the Federal Trade Com-
14 mission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent that such section
15 5 relates to unfair methods of competition.

16 **SEC. 5. APPLICATION OF SECTION 3.**

17 Section 3 shall not apply with respect to conduct oc-
18 ccurring before the date of the enactment of this Act.

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