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# H. R. 5852

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Mr. WALTZ (for himself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. MAST, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. PALAZZO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “Extending Limits of  
5 U.S. Customs Waters Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF CUSTOMS WATERS.**

7       (a) TARIFF ACT OF 1930.—Section 401(j) of the  
8 Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1401(j)) is amended—

1                             (1) by striking “means, in the case” and inserting  
2                             the following: “means—

3                             “(1) in the case”;

4                             (2) by striking “of the coast of the United  
5                             States” the first place it appears and inserting  
6                             “from the baselines of the United States (deter-  
7                             mined in accordance with international law)”;

8                             (3) by striking “and, in the case” and inserting  
9                             the following: “; and

10                             “(2) in the case”; and

11                             (4) by striking “the waters within four leagues  
12                             of the coast of the United States.” and inserting the  
13                             following: “the waters within—

14                             “(A) the territorial sea of the United  
15                             States, to the limits permitted by international  
16                             law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-  
17                             tion 5928 of December 27, 1988; and

18                             “(B) the contiguous zone of the United  
19                             States, to the limits permitted by international  
20                             law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-  
21                             tion 7219 of September 2, 1999.”.

22                             (b) ANTI-SMUGGLING ACT.—Section 401(c) of the  
23                             Anti-Smuggling Act (19 U.S.C. 1709(c)) is amended—

24                             (1) by striking “means, in the case” and inserting  
25                             the following: “means—

1           “(1) in the case”;

2           (2) by striking “of the coast of the United  
3           States” the first place it appears and inserting  
4           “from the baselines of the United States (deter-  
5           mined in accordance with international law)”;

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16           “(B) the contiguous zone of the United  
17          States, to the limits permitted by international  
18          law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-  
19          tion 7219 of September 2, 1999.”.

20          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21          this section shall take effect on the day after the date of  
22          the enactment of this Act.

