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H. R. 967

To prohibit the President from entering into a free trade agreement or investment treaty with a foreign country or countries if the agreement or treaty includes investor-state dispute settlement provisions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. TONKO, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ELLISON, and Ms. DELAURO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 America’s
5 Sovereignty Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AGREEMENTS THAT INCLUDE IN-**
2 **VESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PRO-**
3 **VISIONS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President may not, on or
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, enter into any
6 free trade agreement or investment treaty with a foreign
7 country or countries if the agreement or treaty includes
8 a provision described in subsection (b).

9 (b) **PROVISION DESCRIBED.**—A provision described
10 in this subsection is a provision that grants foreign inves-
11 tors the right to access an international tribunal to seek
12 cash damages from or injunctive relief against the govern-
13 ment of the United States if such investors believe actions
14 taken by the United States are in breach of rights con-
15 ferred to foreign investors in the free trade agreement or
16 investment treaty.

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