

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4368, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA**

At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

1 STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF IMPORTED SEAFOOD ON DO-
2 MESTIC INDUSTRIES AND ANIMAL HEALTH AND
3 SAFETY

4 SEC. _____.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in
6 coordination with the Commissioner of Food and Drugs,
7 the Secretary of Commerce, and the Commissioner of U.S.
8 Customs and Border Protection, shall conduct a com-
9 prehensive study on the impact of imported seafood, with
10 a particular focus on shrimp, shellfish, crustaceans,
11 molluscs, crawfish, blue crab, tilapia, and other seafood
12 commodities, on domestic industries and the health and
13 safety of animals.

14 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The study under subsection
15 (a) shall include—

16 (1) an analysis of the economic impact of im-
17 ported seafood, including shrimp, crawfish, blue
18 crab, tilapia, and other seafood commodities, on do-
19 mestic industries, taking into account the existing

1 antidumping duty orders on shrimp from China,
2 India, Thailand, and Vietnam;

3 (2) an assessment of the potential health risks
4 associated with the consumption of imported sea-
5 food, with a particular focus on the presence of
6 banned substances identified in inspections and test-
7 ing;

8 (3) a review of the prevalence of unapproved
9 animal drugs and unsafe food additives in imported
10 seafood, using the Food and Drug Administration's
11 Import Alert #16-136 as an example, and the po-
12 tential health risks associated with their consump-
13 tion

14 (4) an examination of the findings and rec-
15 ommendations from previous studies conducted by
16 the U.S. International Trade Commission and other
17 relevant agencies on the impact of imported seafood
18 on domestic industries;

19 (5) a review of the International Trade Agree-
20 ments that surround seafood trade, their impact on
21 domestic industries, and their role in shaping the
22 current state of seafood importation. This review
23 should include an analysis of how these agreements
24 may limit the ability of the United States to address
25 issues related to imported seafood;

1 (6) an evaluation of the role of U.S. Customs
2 and Border Protection and the Food and Drug Ad-
3 ministration in enforcing regulations and duties on
4 imported seafood. This evaluation should include an
5 analysis of the effectiveness of current enforcement
6 strategies, the challenges faced by the agency in en-
7 forcing these regulations, and potential areas for im-
8 provement.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture,
11 the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and the Secretary
12 of Commerce shall submit to the Committee on Agri-
13 culture of the House of Representatives, the Committee
14 on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, the
15 Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on
16 Homeland Security a report that includes—

17 (1) the findings of the study conducted under
18 subsection (a); and

19 (2) any recommendations for policy changes or
20 other measures that could be taken to protect do-
21 mestic industries and ensure the health and safety
22 of animals and consumers.

