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To revise sections 552, 1461, and 1462 of title 18, United States Code, and section 305 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1305), and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2024

Ms. BALINT (for herself, Ms. BUSH, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. SCANLON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. STANTON, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. RYAN, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WILD, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. LANDSMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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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States Code, and section 305 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1305), and for other purposes.

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 “Stop Comstock Act.”

5 **SEC. 2. OBSCENE MATERIALS.**

6 (a) TITLE 18.—Part I of title 18, United States
 7 Code, is amended—

8 (1) in section 552—

9 (A) by striking “or indecent”; and

10 (B) by striking “or means for procuring
 11 abortion, or other articles of indecent or im-
 12 moral use or tendency,”;

13 (2) in section 1461—

14 (A) by striking “Every obscene, lewd, las-
 15 civious” and all that follows through “Is de-
 16 clared” and inserting “All obscene materials are
 17 declared”;

18 (B) by striking “or section 3001(e) of title
 19 39”; and

20 (C) by striking “The term ‘indecent’” and
 21 all that follows through “assassination.”; and

22 (3) in section 1462—

23 (A) in the first undesignated paragraph—

1 (i) by striking “section 230(e)(2)”
2 and inserting “section 230(f)(2)”; and

3 (ii) by striking “commerce—” and all
4 that follows through “things may be ob-
5 tained or made” and inserting “commerce
6 any obscene material”; and

7 (B) in the second undesignated paragraph,
8 by striking “matter or thing the carriage or im-
9 portation of” and inserting “material”.

10 (b) TARIFF ACT OF 1930.—Section 305(a) of the
11 Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1305(a)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “or immoral” and all that fol-
13 lows through “unlawful abortion”; and

14 (2) by striking “Provided, That the drugs” and
15 all that follows through “Provided further, That the
16 Secretary” and inserting “Provided, That the Sec-
17 retary”.

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