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Purpose: To take action with respect to currency manipulation by the People's Republic of China.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Ms. STABENOW)

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1 At the end, add the following:
2 **TITLE _____ —EXCHANGE RATES**

3 **SEC. 01. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the "China Currency Ma-
5 nipulation Act of 2008".

6 **SEC. 02. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) The People's Republic of China has a mate-
2 rial global current account surplus.

3 (2) The People's Republic of China has, since
4 2000, accumulated a current account surplus with
5 the United States of approximately
6 \$1,200,000,000,000, twice the size of the current ac-
7 count surplus of any other United States trade part-
8 ner.

9 (3) The People's Republic of China has engaged
10 in protracted large-scale intervention in currency
11 markets, thereby subsidizing Chinese-made products
12 and erecting a formidable nontariff barrier to trade
13 to United States exports to the People's Republic of
14 China, in contravention of the spirit and intent of
15 the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and
16 the Articles of Agreement of the International Mone-
17 tary Fund.

18 **SEC. 03. ACTION TO ACHIEVE FAIR CURRENCY.**

19 (a) **DETERMINATION.**—Notwithstanding any other
20 provision of law, the Secretary of the Treasury shall make
21 an affirmative determination that the People's Republic
22 of China is manipulating its currency within the meaning
23 of section 3004(b) of the Exchange Rates and Inter-
24 national Economic Policies Coordination Act of 1988 (22

1 U.S.C. 5304(b)) and take the action described in sub-
2 sections (b), (c), and (d).

3 (b) ACTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-
5 ury shall, not later than 30 days after the date of
6 the enactment of this Act, establish a plan of action
7 to remedy currency manipulation by the People’s Re-
8 public of China, and submit a report regarding that
9 plan, to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
10 Urban Affairs and the Committee on Finance of the
11 Senate and the Committee on Financial Services and
12 the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of
13 Representatives.

14 (2) BENCHMARKS.—The report described in
15 paragraph (1) shall include specific benchmarks and
16 timeframes for correcting the currency manipulation.

17 (c) INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS.—The Secretary shall ini-
18 tiate, on an expedited basis, bilateral negotiations with the
19 People’s Republic of China for the purpose of ensuring
20 that the country regularly and promptly adjusts the rate
21 of exchange between its currency and the United States
22 dollar to permit effective balance of payment adjustments
23 and to eliminate the unfair competitive advantage.

24 (d) COORDINATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
25 MONETARY FUND.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall,

1 not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment
2 of this Act, instruct the Executive Director to the Inter-
3 national Monetary Fund to use the voice and vote of the
4 United States, including requesting consultations under
5 Article IV of the Articles of Agreement of the Inter-
6 national Monetary Fund, for the purpose of ensuring the
7 People's Republic of China regularly and promptly adjusts
8 the rate of exchange between its currency and the United
9 States dollar to permit effective balance of payments ad-
10 justments and to eliminate the unfair competitive advan-
11 tage in trade.