

Summary of Changes in the Revised Conference Report

- **Revision of Section 1294 to eliminate a blue slip issue**

As originally drafted, Section 1294 of the conference report (a modified waiver authority for certain transactions under CAATSA) was determined by the Ways and Means Committee to constitute a revenue provision within the meaning of the Constitution's origination clause because the waiver authority at issue could impact certain import sanctions.

As described by the Committee on Ways and Means, "In order to avoid blue slip issues in sanctions bills (including those to impose or waive import sanctions), the standard practice is to add exemption language to avoid any effect on import sanctions. Here, Section 1294 modifies authority to waive certain sanctions but does not include exemption language to avoid an effect on import sanctions. Thus, it is a revenue measure because it can affect import tariffs."

The original House provision that formed the basis of Section 1294 carried such an exemption, but the language was not included in the conference report. In the revised conference report, section 1294 includes language from the original House-passed bill to make clear that import sanctions are not altered by the provision. The original language was located at Section 1236(f) of the House-passed bill.

- **Revision of Section 889 to correct the name of a specific company**

Section 889 of the conference report (The Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services and Equipment) was revised to fix a drafting error in the name of a specific Chinese company impacted by the provision. The original conference report listed "Hangzhou Technology Company" when the full name of the company is "Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company." To avoid mis-identifying the company, the name was revised.

The provision was also revised to clarify a drafting error on the implementation of the provision.

- **Technical Changes**

Finally, the new conference report makes a number of purely technical fixes.

- Section 1652 (a Cyberspace Solarium Commission) incorrectly listed the commission's total membership as "13", when actual membership is 14.
- Section 807 (a Title 10 code redesignation provision) has been edited to properly execute several modifications to how the code is numbered.