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H. R. 4961

To require ports of entry along the northern border to remain open as many hours per day as they were open prior to the COVID–19 pandemic.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. ARMSTRONG (for himself, Mr. FULCHER, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. ZINKE, and Mr. ROSENDALE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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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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. MINIMUM HOURS OF OPERATION FOR PORTS**
4 **OF ENTRY ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER.**

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Com-
6 missioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall
7 ensure that the operating hours of all United States ports
8 of entry located on the border between the United States

1 and Canada are equal to or greater than the operating
2 hours in effect immediately before the declaration of a
3 public health emergency pursuant to section 319 of the
4 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as a result
5 of confirmed cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID–
6 19).

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