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H. R. 4965

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 12, 1994

Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Baseball Fans Protec-
5 tion Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF THE ANTITRUST LAWS TO MAJOR**
2 **LEAGUE BASEBALL IN EXCEPTIONAL AND EX-**
3 **TRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

4 The Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12 et seq.) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following new section:

6 “SEC. 27. (a) IN GENERAL.—In the event that a uni-
7 lateral term or condition is imposed by any party that has
8 been subject to an agreement between the owners of major
9 league baseball and the labor organization representing
10 the players of major league baseball, the antitrust laws
11 shall apply to that term or condition.

12 “(b) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—Sub-
13 section (a) shall cease to be effective upon the mutual
14 adoption of an agreement between the owners of major
15 league baseball and the labor organization representing
16 the players of major league baseball to replace the basic
17 agreement between the two parties that expired on Decem-
18 ber 31, 1993, but subsection (a) shall continue to apply
19 to conduct occurring prior to the adoption of such an
20 agreement.

21 “(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, ‘term or condi-
22 tion’ does not include a strike or a lockout.”.

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