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To subject professional baseball clubs to the antitrust laws.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 2021

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Competition in Profes-
5 sional Baseball Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL SUBJECT TO ANTITRUST**
7 **LAWS.**

8 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “anti-
9 trust laws”—

1 (1) has the meaning given the term in sub-
2 section (a) of the first section of the Clayton Act (15
3 U.S.C. 12); and

4 (2) includes section 5 of the Federal Trade
5 Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent that
6 such section applies to unfair methods of competi-
7 tion.

8 (b) REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION.—Professional baseball
9 clubs shall not be exempt from the antitrust laws.

10 (c) REPEAL.—Section 27 of the Clayton Act (15
11 U.S.C. 26b) is repealed.

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