118TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION **S**.

To subject professional baseball clubs to the antitrust laws.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. HAWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ______

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"— 2

| 1 | (1) has the meaning given the term in sub- |
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| 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| 11 | U.S.C. 26b) is repealed. |