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# H. R. 21

To require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

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

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## 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 and  
5 Communities Protection Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF THE ANTITRUST LAWS TO PRO-**  
7 **FESSIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.**

8 The Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12 et seq.) is amended  
9 by adding at the end the following:

1       “SEC. 27. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the antitrust  
2 laws shall apply to the business of professional major  
3 league baseball.

4       “(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to af-  
5 fect—

6               “(1) the applicability or nonapplicability of the  
7 antitrust laws to professional baseball’s amateur  
8 draft, the minor league reserve clause, the Profes-  
9 sional Baseball Agreement, or any other matter re-  
10 lating to the minor leagues;

11               “(2) the applicability or nonapplicability of the  
12 antitrust laws to any restraint by professional base-  
13 ball on franchise relocation; or

14               “(3) the application of Public Law 87–331 (15  
15 U.S.C. 1291 et seq.) (commonly known as the  
16 Sports Broadcasting Act of 1961).”.

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