

Union Calendar No. 79

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1643

[Report No. 104-162]

To authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 1995

Mr. CRANE (for himself and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

JUNE 27, 1995

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND SUPPLE-**
4 **MENTAL ACTION.**

5 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds
6 that Bulgaria—

1 (1) has received most-favored-nation treatment
2 since 1991 and has been found to be in full compli-
3 ance with the freedom of emigration requirements
4 under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 since 1993;

5 (2) has reversed many years of Communist dic-
6 tatorship and instituted a constitutional republic
7 ruled by a democratically elected government as well
8 as basic market-oriented reforms, including privat-
9 ization;

10 (3) is in the process of acceding to the General
11 Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the
12 World Trade Organization (WTO), and extension of
13 unconditional most-favored-nation treatment would
14 enable the United States to avail itself of all rights
15 under the GATT and the WTO with respect to Bul-
16 garia; and

17 (4) has demonstrated a strong desire to build
18 friendly relationships and to cooperate fully with the
19 United States on trade matters.

20 (b) SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION.—The Congress notes
21 that the United States Trade Representative intends to
22 negotiate with Bulgaria in order to preserve the commit-
23 ments of that country under the bilateral commercial
24 agreement in effect between that country and the United
25 States that are consistent with the GATT and the WTO.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
2 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO BULGARIA.**

3 (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-
4 SION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-
5 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
6 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

7 (1) determine that such title should no longer
8 apply to Bulgaria; and

9 (2) after making a determination under para-
10 graph (1) with respect to Bulgaria, proclaim the ex-
11 tension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-
12 favored-nation treatment) to the products of that
13 country.

14 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—
15 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-
16 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-
17 ucts of Bulgaria, title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall
18 cease to apply to that country.

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