

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2853

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 1996

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## AN ACT

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

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND SUPPLE-**  
2 **MENTAL ACTION.**

3 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
4 that Bulgaria—

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

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

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

21 (4) has demonstrated a strong desire to build  
22 friendly relationships and to cooperate fully with the  
23 United States on trade matters.

24 (b) SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION.—The Congress notes  
25 that the United States Trade Representative intends to  
26 negotiate with Bulgaria in order to preserve the commit-

1 ments of that country under the bilateral commercial  
2 agreement in effect between that country and the United  
3 States that are consistent with the GATT and the WTO.

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

6 (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-  
7 SION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-  
8 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974  
9 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

10 (1) determine that such title should no longer  
11 apply to Bulgaria; and

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives March 5,  
1996.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*