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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Goss introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. SUSPENSION OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON TO-**
4 **MATOES.**

5 The President shall, unless and until the certification
6 is made under section 2—

7 (1) suspend tariff reductions under the North
8 American Free Trade Agreement on fresh or chilled

1 tomatoes provided for under subheading 0702.00.60
2 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United
3 States that are products of Mexico; and

4 (2) impose on tomatoes described in paragraph
5 (1) the rate of duty that was in effect for such to-
6 matoes on December 31, 1993.

7 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION.**

8 (a) CERTIFICATION.—Section 1 shall cease to apply
9 if the President certifies to the Congress that the safe-
10 guard provided for in article 703 of the North American
11 Free Trade Agreement, the monitoring required by section
12 316 of the North American Free Trade Agreement Imple-
13 mentation Act, and the provisions for relief of domestic
14 industry under subtitle A of title III of that Act, and title
15 II of the Trade Act of 1974, are enforceable and effective
16 mechanisms to protect domestic producers of fresh or
17 chilled tomatoes from surges in imports from Mexico of
18 tomatoes described in section 1(1).

19 (b) EFFECT OF CERTIFICATION.—If a certification is
20 made under subsection (a), the rate of duty on tomatoes
21 described in section 1(1) shall be the rate of duty that
22 would apply under the North American Free Trade Agree-
23 ment but for section 1.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 Section 1 applies to goods entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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