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To authorize negotiation of free trade agreements with the countries of the Americas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAMM introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Americas Free Trade
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The countries of the Western Hemisphere
9 have enjoyed more success in the twentieth century
10 in the peaceful conduct of their relations among

1 themselves than have the countries in the rest of the
2 world.

3 (2) The economic prosperity of the United
4 States and its trading partners in the Western
5 Hemisphere is increased by the reduction of trade
6 barriers.

7 (3) Trade protection endangers economic pros-
8 perity in the United States and throughout the
9 Western Hemisphere and undermines civil liberty
10 and constitutionally limited government.

11 (4) The successful establishment of a North
12 American Free Trade Area sets the pattern for the
13 reduction of trade barriers throughout the Western
14 Hemisphere, enhancing prosperity in place of the
15 cycle of increasing trade barriers and deepening pov-
16 erty that results from a resort to protectionism and
17 trade retaliation.

18 (5) The reduction of government interference in
19 the foreign and domestic sectors of a nation's econ-
20 omy and the concomitant promotion of economic op-
21 portunity and freedoms promote civil liberty and
22 constitutionally limited government.

23 (6) Countries that observe a consistent policy of
24 free trade, the promotion of free enterprise and
25 other economic freedoms (including effective protec-

1 section or on a multilateral basis with all of such countries
2 or any group of such countries.

3 **SEC. 4. FREE TRADE WITH FREE CUBA.**

4 (a) RESTRICTIONS PRIOR TO RESTORATION OF
5 FREEDOM IN CUBA.—The provisions of this Act shall not
6 apply to Cuba unless the President certifies—

7 (1) that freedom has been restored in Cuba,
8 and

9 (2) that the claims of United States citizens for
10 compensation for expropriated property have been
11 appropriately addressed.

12 (b) STANDARDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF FREE-
13 DOM IN CUBA.—The President shall not make the certifi-
14 cation that freedom has been restored in Cuba, as de-
15 scribed in subsection (a), unless he determines that—

16 (1) a constitutionally guaranteed democratic
17 government has been established in Cuba, with lead-
18 ers chosen through free and fair elections;

19 (2) the rights of individuals to private property
20 have been restored and are effectively protected and
21 broadly exercised in Cuba;

22 (3) Cuba has a currency that is fully convertible
23 domestically and internationally;

24 (4) all political prisoners have been released in
25 Cuba; and

