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H. R. 4509

To require any authorization of extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China to be effective only after a vote is taken by the World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference regarding the Decision and Protocol of Accession for Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) and after China's accession to the WTO.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2000

Mr. STEARNS 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV**
2 **OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO THE PEOPLE'S**
3 **REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

4 (a) **TERMINATION.**—If the President makes a deter-
5 mination that title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
6 2431 et seq.) no longer applies to the People's Republic
7 of China, and proclaims the extension of nondiscrim-
8 inatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the
9 products of China, then, notwithstanding any other provi-
10 sion of law, such extension of nondiscriminatory treatment
11 to the products of China shall only take effect beginning
12 on or after the date on which a vote is taken by the World
13 Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference re-
14 garding the Decision and Protocol of Accession for Chi-
15 nese Taipei (Taiwan), or the effective date of the accession
16 by the People's Republic of China to the WTO, whichever
17 occurs later.

18 (b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “Chinese
19 Taipei” refers to the customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu,
20 Kinmen, and Matsu, as stated in Taiwan's application as
21 a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs
22 and Trade (GATT), dated January 1, 1990.

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